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Rescue workers remove debris as they search for victims of earthquake in Bhaktapur near Kathmandu, Nepal, Sunday, April 26, 2015.

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Nepal quake kills at least 2,152

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KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Planeloads of aid material, doctors and relief workers from neighboring countries began arriving Sunday in Nepal, a poor Himalayan nation reeling from a powerful earthquake that killed more than 2,000 people and destroyed infrastructure, homes and historical buildings.

FAA: Freedom Air will appeal revocation

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Freedom Air intends to appeal the Federal Aviation Administration's planned revocation of its air carrier certificate, according to the FAA.

FAA public affairs officer Ian Gregor earlier said that Freedom Air

had until April 22 to respond the proposed revocation.

However, Gregor told *Saipan Tribune* on Saturday that "[Freedom Air] indicated this week they intend to appeal."

Last month, the FAA sent an "amended notice of proposed certi-

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An official in Nepal says at least 2,152 people are now confirmed dead in the massive earthquake that hit just outside of Kathmandu. Deputy Inspector General of Police Komal Singh Bam gave no further details Sunday.

The disaster's international reach was also apparent on the slopes of Mount Everest where an avalanche triggered

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by Saturday's earthquake buried part of the base camp packed with foreign climbers preparing to make their summit attempts. At least 17 people died there and 61 were injured.

The magnitude 7.8 earthquake, which was centered outside Kath-

mandu, the capital, was the worst to hit the South Asian nation in over 80 years. It destroyed swaths of the oldest neighborhoods of Kathmandu, and was strong enough to be felt all across parts of India, Bangladesh, China's region of Tibet and Pakistan. By Sunday morning, authorities said at least 1,970 people had died, all but 60 of them in Nepal. At least 721 of them died in

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Police pursuing 'good leads' in guard's killing

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Guam chief medical examiner Dr. Aurelio Espinola will conduct an autopsy today, Monday, on the remains of James Patrick Deleon Guerrero, the security guard who was fatally shot by a

masked robber inside the Royal Poker arcade in Afetnas.

► **Dr. Espinola to autopsy victim's body today**

As this developed, *Saipan Tribune* learned that police detectives have "good leads" on the identity of the masked gunman.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero confirmed yesterday that Es-

pinola will perform the autopsy on Deleon Guerrero's body at the Commonwealth Health Center's morgue.

The autopsy will determine the victim's cause of death and injuries.

Deleon Guerrero is first cousin of the victim.

Espinola was reportedly summoned to the crime scene last Tuesday where

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Military 'pleased' NMI will use grant fund for EIS review

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A ranking official of the U.S. military's Pacific forces said he is pleased to hear that the CNMI government is planning to use funding from the Office of Insular Affairs to review a draft environmental impact statement on pro-

posed military exercises on Tinian and Pagan.

The OIA is an agency under the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Craig Whelden, executive director of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific, in a letter also said the grant money "should greatly assist the CNMI's review and preparation" of

comments on the draft EIS.

Whelden was responding to a letter sent by Gov. Eloy S. Inos early this month asking for a six-month review extension of the draft EIS instead of just 45 days.

"As stated in your letter, a six-month extension is a significant amount of time beyond the standard 45-day comment

period. While the DEIS is admittedly lengthy, it has been shaped by over 18 months of collaborative effort between the Department of Defense and CNMI officials through regularly held working meetings," Whelden said, acknowledging the governor's request.

However, Whelden said he cannot yet make a decision

on the review extension until after the series of public hearings scheduled on April 29, April 30, and May 1.

He said the hearings on Saipan and Tinian are part of the public comment process, and will provide DoD "an opportunity to present the results of our efforts and engage with the CNMI pub-

lic, community leaders, and other interested parties to address questions and hear any remaining concerns."

"Once my team has had an opportunity to assess initial comments, up to and including those received at the public hearings, I will be in a better position to consider your request," he said.

Cops' search of suspect's pouch containing 'ice' deemed lawful

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A police search on a pouch that was seized from former Sports and Recreation deputy director John Benavente Reyes Jr. in October 2014 was done lawfully, according to Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho.

In an order denying Reyes' motion to suppress evidence, Camacho determined that a Crime Stoppers' tip had more than enough signs of reliability to form a basis for reasonable suspicion.

"This tip was made contemporaneously with the alleged crime being committed and the tipster provided details that were corroborated by the officers when they arrived on the scene," said Camacho in an order last week.

The judge said the officers had enough information to form a reasonable suspicion that the men in the vehicle may either have been smoking methamphetamine or "ice" or be in possession of "ice."

Camacho said Reyes also consented to the search as he voluntarily opened his pouch, which he was carrying at the time.

The judge said the drugs in Reyes' pouch were in plain view

of police officer David Hosono, who was lawfully standing a few feet away from Reyes in a parking lot and who immediately recognized the contents as "ice."

"Thus, the methamphetamine was in plain view of officer Hosono and was properly seized," Camacho said.

Reyes, through assistant public defender Michael Sato, moved to suppress evidence. Assistant attorney general Emily Cohen opposed on behalf of the government.

The motion was heard on Jan. 15 and Feb. 23, 2015.

According to court records, on Oct. 10, 2014 at 5:27pm, a police officer received a tip via 911 about "ice" use. The tipster reported four men in a Lexus car with license plate ACH-868 using "ice" near the San Jose Snack Bar across Dolphin Wholesale.

Two officers responded to the call and arrived at the scene four minutes later. The officers found the blue Lexus with four men inside. One of the two officers testified that Reyes got out of the rear passenger's side of the car, carrying a small pouch.

Hosono arrived on the scene soon after. Hosono, who is the Department of Public Safety range master, walked over to Reyes, who was standing only a

few feet away, and asked if he had a weapon inside the pouch. Hosono has had prior dealings with Reyes involving a handgun. Hosono repeatedly asked the defendant if he was carrying a weapon. Hosono's immediate concern was the safety of himself and his fellow officers.

Reyes and Hosono disagreed as to whether Hosono grabbed the pouch before the defendant opened it.

Eventually, Reyes said "OK officer, I'll show you," and opened the pouch.

Hosono, being only a few feet away, saw what he recognized as methamphetamine in the pouch and seized it.

In denying Reyes' motion to suppress evidence, Camacho said unreasonable searches and seizures are prohibited under both the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Article I, Section 3 of the CNMI Constitution.

Camacho said a tip will "justify an investigative stop only if it creates reasonable suspicion that 'criminal activity may be afoot.'"

In determining whether reasonable suspicion exists, courts look to a totality of the circumstances to determine whether the officer has a "particularized and objective basis for suspect-

ing legal wrongdoing," Camacho said.

In this case, the officers received a reliable 911 tip that stated that four men were in a vehicle smoking "ice."

The judge said when the officers arrived at San Jose Snack Bar they found a car matching the description they were provided, with the same license plate number, with four men inside.

Camacho said the defendant willingly opened his pouch for Hosono, who had been asking him if he was carrying a weapon.

"The court finds the testimony of the officers who testified credible, and finds especially credible the testimony of Officer Hosono, who immediately saw the potential danger of firearms based on his prior encounter with the defendant," the judge said.

Camacho pointed out that there is no evidence to show that Reyes was overpowered or in any way intimidated into showing Hosono the inside of the pouch.

Last Jan. 30, police also arrested Reyes for alleged possession "ice" and for reckless driving.

Reyes was then released on bail and placed under house arrest.

ON TINIAN BURGLARY AT FLEMING HOTEL, BOAT

Probable cause found on 2 charges; two other charges are dismissed

Probable cause has been found to file two charges against a man accused of burglarizing a hotel on Tinian, stealing five flat screen televisions, and receiving stolen items. Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman dismissed two other charges.

At a preliminary hearing on Friday, Wiseman found probable cause to believe that Jose Blas Manglona may have committed the crimes of theft and receiving stolen property.

Wiseman, however, did not find probable cause to charge the 39-year-old Manglona with burglary and criminal mischief.

Arraignment will be today, Monday, at 9am.

Assistant attorney general Clayton Graef appeared as counsel for the government. Assistant public defender Michael Sato served as counsel for Manglona.

According to the charging information, Manglona burglarized Fleming Hotel on

Tinian on Dec. 26, 2014, and stole five flat screen TVs. The defendant allegedly damaged the locks on the hotel's sliding glass doors.

On Jan. 27, 2015, on Tinian, Manglona allegedly received stolen items such as a fishing rod and reel, fishing lure, a flare kit, and other items.

Police detective Anthony P. Borja stated in his report that their investigation showed that Manglona stole several items from a boat at a house in Marpo Valley last Jan. 27. Stolen were fire extinguisher, tools, socket, socket wrench, four life jackets, flair gun kit, slipper, rod and reel, scuba mask, and a snorkel.

Manglona was also allegedly behind the burglary at Fleming Hotel last Dec. 26, where five flat TV screens were stolen from four rooms.

Borja said that during their interview, Manglona confessed to burglarizing Fleming Hotel. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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Japan Summer Magazine Campaign

As part of its marketing efforts in Japan, the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) will carry out a wide advertisement

campaign in magazines in coming months.

The campaign will be undertaken in magazine for families and females, with the goal of boosting tour sales from July-September. Four different advertisement designs have been created to run throughout May and June 2015.

The ads in the family magazines will feature the NMI's newest signature event, the International Festival of Cultures. The Happy Children Paradise program will also be touted to draw families



during the summer months, when each young child will receive a Saipan-da! backpack.

The ads in the women's magazine will also introduce the International Festival of Cultures and aim to fill the off-season after Japan's Golden Week holiday at the beginning of May.



PSS adjusts Praxis cut off scores

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The Public School System has adjusted their Praxis test standard cut scores to go with the changes to content areas of the test, according to Board of Education chair Herman Guerrero.

The Educational Testing Service, the company that administers the test, updates the test periodically, according to Guerrero. This is to "make it more update to date" or "more friendly," he said.

"Sometimes in the content area, they drop that specific old test and they come up with a

new one—so you need to adjust the cut off for the new test," he explained.

He said that scores of those who've taken the test before are still valid. "But if you are a new person coming into the system and we require you to take that new specific content area then you have to meet our standards."

He said PSS cut off scores are a "little above medium of all the states."

"We look at the score of the cut off for all the states that are participating and we just take the median, or just one point above the median. And that's the methodology that we have

been doing over the years since it was first implemented."

Against the PSS average performance range, Guerrero said the cut off scores "are not too far above average" but "not at the bottom either."

The education board adopted Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan's memorandum on Praxis cut off scores. The memo listed cut off scores that have been approved.

For Elementary Education: Content Knowledge, the cut off score is 163. For World Language Pedagogy, the cut off score is 158.

For Health and Physical Edu-

cation: Content Knowledge, the cut off score is 153.

For Music: Content and Instruction, the cut score is 162. For Physical Education Content and Design, the cut score is 169.

For Social Studies Content and Interpretation, the cut off score is 153. For Technology Education, this is at 159. For Marketing Education, this is at 160. For Agriculture, it is 147.

For Education of Young Children, test codes 5021 and 5024, they are 163 and 160, respectively. For Interdisciplinary Early Education, the cut off score is 166.

For SPED: Teaching Students with Intellectually Disabilities, the cut score is 156. For SPED: Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing, it is 160. For Speech Language Pathology Require-

ment, the cut off score is 162.

For English Language Literature and Composition Content and Analysis, the cut off score is 164. For Core Academic Skills for Education: "Combined," the cut off score is 468.

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Probable cause found to charge 2 in home invasions

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The Superior Court has found probable cause to warrant the filing of charges against two ex-convicts who were arrested in separate incidents for allegedly burglarizing two apartments.

At a preliminary hearing last Wednesday, Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio determined that the prosecution presented enough evidence to establish probable cause to charge John Chandler Majait Hamilton with

burglary, theft, assault, assault and battery, and two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Hamilton will be arraigned today at 9am.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas appeared for the government. Attorney Daniel Guidotti is court-appointed counsel for Hamilton.

Dr. Marty Rohringer was hurt when he and two friends were allegedly attacked with



Kim-Tenorio

a screwdriver when they tried to stop the 27-year-old Hamilton from escaping after burglarizing the friend's apartment in Garapan last April 9.

At a preliminary hearing Thursday, Associate Judge David A. Wiseman found probable cause to charge Fermin Manuel Castro with attempted robbery, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

His arraignment will be today at 9am.

Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds represented the government. Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig served as counsel for the 27-year-old Castro.

A woman sustained several injuries when Castro allegedly broke into her apartment in southern Garapan, threatened to rape her, and punched and slashed her body with a knife during an attempted robbery last April 14.

Sablan bill seeks to amend funding for CNMI schools

A bill introduced by Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) seeks to amend the U.S. Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to adjust funding levels for certain outlying areas, including the CNMI.

In filing House Bill 851 in Congress, Sablan noted that funding for insular areas schools and for schools managed by the Bureau of Indian Education at the Interior Department is "separated" from the normal distribution of Elementary and Secondary Education Act Title I-A grants to states.

"And, as the Supreme Court ruled in the landmark case *Brown v. Board of Education*, separate is

not equal. I made that point this week at a hearing of the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education," Sablan said.

He said Title I-A funding is supposed to help areas where family incomes are lower than the rest of the nation, and give students in grades K-12 the opportunity for a U.S.-standard education.

"I have introduced legislation, House Resolution 851, in this Congress that would integrate funding for island schools into the mainstream and treat us more like the U.S. states," Sablan said.

Sablan's bill has been referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce. **(Joel D. Pinaroc)**



Sablan



ROAD MISHAP

A police officer assists an injured 47-year-old Chinese national who, while making a left turn aboard his moped to Beach Road from the Townhouse intersection parking lot in Chalan Kanoa, was struck by a car on Sunday night. The victim suffered a leg injury and was brought to the hospital for further treatment. Police placed the accident under further investigation.

DENNIS CHAN

PSS: Auditor's opinion is unmodified

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The Public School System is working to finalize an "unmodified" fiscal year 2014 audit.

PSS comptroller George Palican gave a report on the audit in last week's CNMI State Board of Education meeting. He noted that this audit was turned in two weeks before deadline, and that

the auditor's opinion was unmodified, or in other words, its financial statements were presented in accordance with all requirements.

In his report, Palican said there was "no material weakness in internal control in financial reporting and federal awards."

Additionally, he said there were "zero questioned costs."

The PSS' auditor is Burger, Comer and Magliari.

Palican said once the audit is finalized it will then be sent to a clearinghouse.

Board member Marylou Ada told media that in previous years, audit "numbers could not be verified." They were "always qualified," she said.

For one, the fiscal year 2011 single audit reported deficiencies in bank reconciliation concerning federal funds; pro-

curement; allowable use of department funds; property management (including inventory); travel policies; and payroll procedures, among others.

But this audit was a "clean slate" financial statement, Ada noted.

The board described it as a "three-year journey" toward this clean audit. "Strict budgetary controls" and "strengthened documentation" were reasons given for the strong audit.

QUAKE

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Kathmandu alone, and the number of injured nationwide was upward of 5,000.

Tens of thousands of Nepalese who spent the night under a chilly sky were jolted awake by strong aftershocks Sunday.

"There were at least three big quakes at night and early morning. How can we feel safe? This is never-ending and everyone is scared and worried," said Kathmandu resident Sundar Sah. "I hardly got much sleep. I was waking up every few hours and glad that I was alive."

As day broke, rescuers aided by international teams set out to dig through rubble of buildings—concrete slabs, bricks, iron beams, wood—to look for survivors. Most areas were without power and water. The United Nations said hospitals in the Kathmandu Valley were overcrowded, and running out of emergency supplies and space to store corpses.

In the Kalanki neighborhood, police rescuers tried to extricate a man lying under a dead person, both of them buried beneath a pile of concrete slabs and iron beams. His family members stood nearby, crying and praying.

Police said the man's legs and hips were totally crushed.

"We are digging the debris around him, cutting through concrete and iron beams. We will be able to pull him out but his body under his waist is totally crushed. He is still alive and crying for help. We are going to save him," said police officer Suresh Rai.

The quake will likely put a huge strain on the resources of this impoverished country best known for Everest, the highest mountain in the world. The economy of Nepal, a nation of 27.8 million people, relies heavily on tourism, principally trekking and Himalayan mountain climbing.

With Kathmandu airport reopened, the first aid flights began delivering aid supplies. The first to respond were Nepal's

neighbors -- India, China and Pakistan, all of which have been jockeying for influence over the landlocked nation. Still, Nepal, a Hindu majority nation, remains closest to India with which it shares deep political, cultural and religious ties.

Indian air force planes landed Sunday with 43 tons of relief material, including tents and food, and nearly 200 rescuers, India's External Affairs Ministry spokesman Vikas Swarup said. The planes were returning to New Delhi with Indian nationals stranded in Kathmandu. More aid flights were planned for Sunday.

A 62-member Chinese search and rescue team also arrived Sunday.

Pakistan prepared to send four C-130 aircraft, carrying a 30 bed temporary hospital comprising, army doctors, surgeons and specialists. An urban search and rescue team was also sent with ground penetrating radars, concrete cutters and sniffing dogs. Pakistan was also sending 2,000 ready-to-eat meal packs,

water bottles, medicines, 200 tents, 600 blankets and other necessary items.

When the earth first shook, residents fled homes and buildings in panic as walls tumbled, trees swayed, power lines came crashing down and large cracks opened up on streets.

After the chaos of Saturday—when little organized rescue and relief was seen—there was more order on Sunday as rescue teams fanned out across the city.

Workers were sending out tents and relief goods in trucks and helicopters, said disaster management official Rameshwar Dungal. He said government and private schools have been turned into shelters.

Mukesh Kafle, the head of the Nepal Electricity Authority, said power has been restored fully to main government offices, the airport and hospitals.

But the damage to electricity cables and poles was making it difficult to restore power to many parts of the country, which has long been plagued by blackouts anyway.

POLICE

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he pronounced the security guard dead.

At that time, Espinola was about to leave for Guam after doing an autopsy on the body of Ana Maria Limes, who was killed inside her house in Oleai. The body was found last Monday, April 20.

Saipan Tribune gathered that police received more tips about Deleon Guerrero's killer after releasing nine photos of the suspect to the media.

The still photos were taken

from the footage of a video surveillance camera at Royal Poker.

The suspect is described as about 5'8" to 5'10" tall and medium built. He was wearing a gray military pattern dress uniform with a black mask covering his face.

Police discovered the body of the 39-year-old Deleon Guerrero in the bathroom. He was reportedly shot in the back.

A female cashier was also shot, but was not hit as she had locked herself inside the cashier's booth. The suspect failed to get any money and fled the scene on foot toward Beach Road, San Antonio.

FAA

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cate action," or NOPCA, reiterating their proposal to revoke Freedom Air's air carrier certificate. This letter lists the ways in which Freedom Air has failed to comply with FAA regulations.

"Unless, within 15 days of the date of your receipt of this notice, we receive in writing your choice of alternatives provided and set forth on the enclosed form, an order revoking the air carrier certificate of Aviation Services [Freedom Air] will be issued," the letter read.

The FAA gives five choices for alternatives for air carriers upon receiving a NOPCA.

The alternatives, among others, include surrender of the certificate, an informal conference, an answer in writing, or appeal.

An appeal stays the effectiveness of the order, according to the FAA. It would allow Freedom Air to proceed with the other alternatives set forth by the FAA.

If an appeal were made, a complaint will be filed with the National Transportation Safety Board. An administrative law judge will be appointed to decide the case.

At the hearing, FAA will present witnesses and other evidence. Freedom Air will also

have this opportunity.

The FAA states they will have the burden of proof in the case.

The FAA first issued the notice last year on May 22, 2014. This amended letter's most recent information appears to be from last December.

"Aviation Services vacated its principal base of operations on Dec. 31, 2014," reads the FAA letter. A certificate holder must maintain a base of operations, according to FAA.

In its letter, FAA lists how Freedom Air has not had a director of operations or qualified chief pilot since January 2014. The airline also filed for bankruptcy on Sept. 27, 2013, the FAA notes. A Guam court dismissed this last year.

FAA notes that Freedom Air's aircraft liability insurance was terminated on March 9, 2014. They also have "not held appropriate economic authority from the Department of Transportation" to operate as a direct air carrier since that time.

FAA found that the airline failed to turn in within 30 days its certification after operations ended, and as a certificate holder, have failed to retain qualified personnel.

FAA described another handful of violations that can be assumed de facto as operations and a base of operations have ceased.

Charges vs ex-firefighter Benavente are reduced

Former firefighter Richard Sullivan Benavente has pleaded not guilty to an indictment that he allegedly lied during the trial of Raymond B. Roberto.

At his arraignment on Thursday, Benavente, through court-appointed counsel Michael Dotts, waived the advisement of his constitutional rights and the reading of the charges.

Benavente pleaded not guilty to the first superseding indictment charging him with one count of obstruction of justice and one count of perjury.

The original indictment charged Benavente with four charges: three counts of perjury and one count of obstruction of justice. It also included a crim-

inal forfeiture allegation.

The first superseding indictment was filed last April 17. One count of obstruction of justice refers to Benavente's alleged misleading statements and representations during an interview with the Federal Bureau of Investigation on April 25, 2014, concerning the phone number 789-3443, which he knew was critical evidence in the case against Roberto.

One count of perjury refers to Benavente's testimony for the defense during the trial of Roberto on Sept. 9, 2014, in which he allegedly gave materially false testimony.

He testified that when he was arrested by police in July 2013,

Tobacco license denied for Ming Yang store

The Department of Commerce has denied Ming Yang Supermarket's application for a tobacco control license.

In a statement, Commerce Secretary Mark O. Rabauliman said the decision was made based on an "investigative report and findings" by the department's Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control Division.

The statement also said "from a recent notice of denial of application served to Ming Yang Supermarket, there are several infractions detailing the purpose to the disapproval of the application, which includes the establishment operating and selling tobacco products without a valid license, importation of undeclared tobacco products, in addition to a review of the applicant's past business conduct."

Ming Yang Supermarket is entitled to a review of the decision through administrative hearing.

"I want to make it clear that there are laws, rules, and regulations to follow and I encourage and respectfully advise any interested person or entity who

wish to engage in the manufacture, importation, distribution, and retail sales of alcohol and tobacco production to first obtain a license," Rabauliman said.

The department earlier issued a memorandum for all licensed wholesalers and distributors regarding the denial of application, instructing these companies not to sell or distribute tobacco products to Ming Yang Supermarket.

Ming Yang Supermarket has been involved in unlawful practices. In November 2014, the CNMI's Division of Customs Services seized a total of 234 cases of liquor and 1,180 cartons of contraband cigarettes that were undeclared or smuggled inside a cargo container from the Philippines.

This resulted to the arrest of Gui Han Xu of Ming Yang Supermarket for importation of contraband and conspiracy, the Department of Commerce said. **(Joel D. Pinaroc)**

he surrendered everything to the Department of Public Safety, including the phone with number 789-3443 and another phone with number 789-3503.

The FBI and the prosecution alleged that Roberto used 789-3443 and not Benavente.

He testified that he got the phone with number 789-3443 from two of the three alleged victims and that he actually used the SIM card in that cell phone

in calling the girls or other girls.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona on Thursday also granted assistant U.S. attorney Ross Naughton's motion to postpone Benavente's jury trial.

Manglona set the new trial date for May 26, 2015. The trial of Benavente was originally set for Dec. 8, 2014, and then reset to April 27, 2015.

In February 2014, Bena-

vente pleaded guilty to a count of sexual exploitation of a child. The charge that he pleaded guilty to was the June 23, 2013, incident in which he "persuaded, induced, enticed, and coerced" the minor to have sex while being recorded on a cell phone.

Aside from Benavente, Randy A. Igisomar was also indicted in federal court for allegedly lying or changing their stories

during Roberto's trial. Igisomar pleaded guilty.

FBI agents recently arrested Alexandra Castro Macabalo for allegedly enticing her then-15-year-old cousin to have sex with Roberto in exchange for cash.

In September 2014, a federal court jury acquitted Roberto of all charges that he enticed three minor girls to engage in prostitution and one count of witness tampering. Roberto used to serve as acting director of the CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

Legislature adopts govt budget for FY 2016

Members of the House of Representatives adopted the \$148.5-million budget proposed by the administration of Gov. Eloy S. Inos for fiscal year 2016.

House Concurrent Resolution 19-01 was adopted during a session on Friday at the House chamber on Capital Hill.

Rep. Antonio P. Sablan (Ind-Saipan), chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, filed House Concurrent Resolution 19-01, detailing the proposed budget.

After adopting the resolution, lawmakers will then convene government departments and conduct budget hearings.

Sablan said the "bigger" departments will most likely have first crack at the budget hearings, including the Department of Public Safety, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., particularly Medical Referral, and Department of Finance.

'Conservative'

Sablan, meanwhile, addressed concerns that the adopted budget may be a bit "conservative," according to a comment from Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan)

during the session.

"For [Yumul], the projection is too conservative," Sablan said.

Sablan said he would rather "be conservative, and be safe later."

"We can always address additional revenues for supplemental budget rather than be over-confident and over-project," he said, adding that lawmakers want to avoid going for auster-

ity measures on the third and fourth quarter.

He added that this was done in the past, when lawmakers thought the government had more money, only to reduce the hours of government employees to cut costs.

"This is what we want to avoid," Sablan said. "The bottom line is we need to agree with the government on the budget

projection so that we can move on to the next process and conduct the actual budget hearings."

Sablan said if government realizes more revenues in the coming months, then another resolution may be filed for a supplemental budget.

The budget for fiscal year 2016 is considered a projection, because the fiscal year 2015 started Oct. 1, 2014 and will end Sept. 30, 2015. **(Joel D. Pinaroc)**

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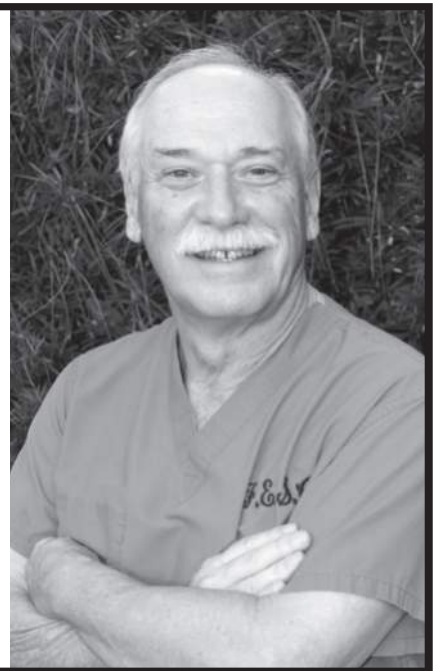
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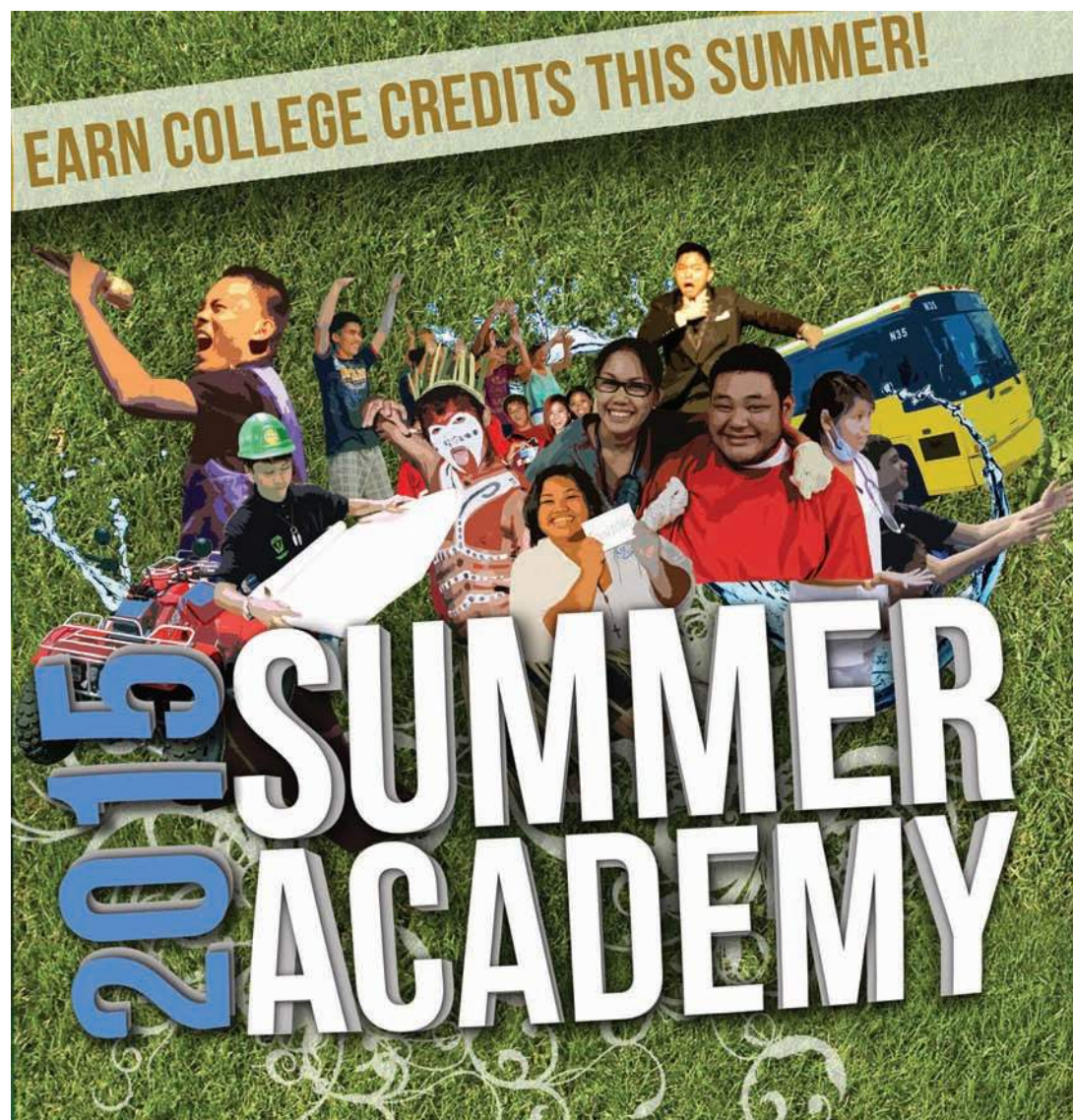
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NPS story contest ongoing; CNMI finally gets to join

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

National Park Services is gearing up for its centennial celebration in 2016 and, for the first time ever, the CNMI will be part of the festivities, with Commonwealth residents now able to share their experiences at the American Memorial Park.

NPS, in collaboration with the National Park Foundation, has announced a two-year effort involving broad public engagement that includes the territories starting this year until Aug. 25, 2016, with a special contest called "Find Your Park," where the community can share their stories of the CNMI's own parks.

This effort allows CNMI residents to talk about the park in any way they want to. Stories can be submitted as a song or

photo, painting, poem, dance, video, or anything that would share the importance of the park.

Entries can be submitted online at www.findyourpark.com. Deadline is before 8pm ET Sept. 7, 2015, and only those ages 14 and older are allowed to join. Of the thousands of people submitting entries, only 250 will be selected, for final winnowing of the best 100 stories. Public voting for the best entries will be hosted this Oct. 5 and Oct. 16.

The top 5 will become part of NPS' Centennial Ambassadors, where the winners' stories will inspire famous people to create a project of their own. They are actresses Bella Thorne and Rosely Sanchez, scientist Bill Nye, TV personality Terrence J., and singer-song writer Mary Lambert.

The top 5 will also win prizes, which include two VIP tickets

and travel to the centennial celebration next year, two yearly National Park passes, an REI Adventures for two (this includes seven trips that winners can choose from to visit among famous National Parks), a Subaru Adventure kit, limited-edition Subaru national parks Rendleton blanket, a Yakima Skybox

16 LTD, Coleman Tenaya Lake 6P Fast Pitch Cabin, one Find Your Park gear price package and \$500 Subaru gear gift card.

Prizes for the 45 first place winners include two VIP tickets to the centennial celebration, two yearly National Park passes, limited-edition Subaru national parks Pendleton blan-

ket, Coleman 54-qt steel belted cooler, and one Find Your Park gear price package.

For the 50 second place winners, prizes include a Coleman 1000 Lumen CPX 6 lantern and one Find Your Park gear prize package.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) earlier said the CNMI was able to get involved after he and his colleagues in Congress pushed the fact that

they have national parks in their respective jurisdictions.

"The centenary is a fitting time to raise public awareness about the value of our parks. The Park Service also has plans such as growing the 21st Century Conservation Corps that puts youths to work in our parks—that will inspire the next generation of park stewards, so our National Parks can endure for another 100 years," Sablan said.

Apatang doesn't support bill amending casino law to dedicate funds to retirees

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang doesn't support a House bill that would amend the casino law to dedicate the entire casino license fee for the retirees' pension reduction, saying the funds should be made available instead to specific improvement projects for Saipan.

House Bill 19-21, introduced

by Rep. Blas Jonathan T. Attao (Ind-Saipan), will amend Public Law 18-56 to increase the retirees' share of the funds coming from casino license payments.

"The proposed amendments will transform the law from its current form as a source of funds for more than one purpose into a single purpose, and eliminate others that we know heavily rely on the funds to be able to deliver and perform various services to the public," Apatang said.

He said if the source of funds is compared to a machine giving life support to a variety of purposes, the legislation would unplug the machine.

"By using this rhetorical analogy, we only wish that it remains an unfailing encouragement upon us that we perform our duty to try and find a balance when resources are or become very scarce. We believe the draft legislation is a soft way of saying 'Let's pull

the plug,'" he added.

Best Sunshine International, Ltd. recently paid \$5 million as partial payment for the second year of its long-term casino, with another \$10 million on the way.

Apatang said the funds currently available to the CNMI government and the local delegation for appropriation is much needed for public improvement projects and delivery of services, among others, that will ultimately protect the community's safety, health, and welfare.

"By eliminating the source of funds...the municipal government will be sent back to picking up crumbs here and there. We have to remember that P.L. 18-56 is still a measure that jeopardizes the other current substantial source of funds for the municipal government such as the poker and pachinko license fees," Apatang said.

He pointed out that since April 2, 2015, no new or additional poker and pachinko

licenses can be issued and that will impact revenue collection at the municipal level.

"Of course, we can take comfort for now that a licensed casino will operate poker and pachinko machines in the premises described in and authorized by PL 18-56, but we would rather speculate on the casino floor than here. Until a licensed casino actually operates poker and pachinko machines, we must be wary of the potential impact the bill will have on municipal level sources of funds at this time," he said.

He believes the bill is good, but also believes the timing for amending PL 18-56 is not now.

"We hope the NMI Legislature gives the law more time to be tested, to be proven, to be measured, and studied. We hope they remain sensitive to the fact that many more people depend on what we do and can do to improve their livelihood, health, safety, moral, and welfare," he said.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE CNMI JOINT MILITARY TRAINING DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The U.S. military announces the availability of the CNMI Joint Military Training Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) for public review. The Draft EIS/OEIS evaluates the potential impacts associated with the establishment of a series of live-fire ranges, training courses and maneuver areas in the CNMI (Tinian and Pagan) to reduce existing joint service training deficiencies and meet U.S. Pacific Command Service Components' unfilled unit and combined level training requirements in the Western Pacific. Existing military training areas and support facilities in the Western Pacific, particularly those in the CNMI are insufficient to support U.S. military training requirements. U.S. military training capabilities and capacity improvements are needed in the CNMI to ensure that the U.S. military can meet their U.S. Code Title 10 requirements to maintain, equip, and train combat and humanitarian forces in the Western Pacific.

The publication of the Notice of Public Meetings in the Federal Register on April 3, 2015 initiates the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) public comment period for the CNMI Joint Military Training Draft EIS/OEIS. Comments on the Draft EIS/OEIS may be submitted during the 60-day public comment period starting on April 3, 2015 Hawaii Standard Time (HST) (April 4, 2015 Chamorro Standard Time [ChST]). Comments should be postmarked or received by June 2, 2015 HST (June 3, 2015 ChST). Government agencies, private-sector organizations, and the public are encouraged to participate in the NEPA process and public meetings for the Draft EIS/OEIS. The U.S. Marine Corps on behalf of U.S. Pacific Command will host public meetings on Saipan and Tinian.

The public is invited to attend the following public meetings:

SAIPAN:

- Wednesday, April 29, 2015
Saipan Southern High School Cafeteria
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- Friday, May 1, 2015
Garapan Elementary School Cafeteria
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

TINIAN:

- Thursday, April 30, 2015
Tinian Junior Senior High School Cafeteria
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Each meeting will begin with an open house session where the public can learn more about the proposed action and potential environmental impacts from project team members and subject matter experts. A public hearing will follow the open house. In the interest of available time, participants will be limited to three minutes to ensure all who wish to submit verbal comments have an opportunity to do so. A Chamorro and Carolinian interpreter will be available.

Concurrent with the NEPA process, the U.S. military is conducting National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consultation regarding potential effects of the proposed action on historic properties. During each of the above meetings, the U.S. military will hold NHPA Section 106 information sessions in a separate area where subject matter experts will explain the NHPA Section 106 process and solicit public input on the effects of the proposed action on historic properties.

There are three ways to submit written comments: (1) providing comments at one of the public meetings; (2) submitting comments through the project website: www.CNMIJointMilitaryTrainingEIS.com; and (3) mailing comments postmarked by June 3, 2015 ChST to:

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Information adapted from the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, Learn the Signs. Act Early. Supported in part by project H25MC06112 from the MCHB (Title V, Social Security Act), HRSA, DHHS.

10 schools take part in 11th Junior High Mock Trial

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Ten schools from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota competed in the 11th Junior High Mock Trial at the House of Justice hosted by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council.

Seventh and 8th grade students from Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Junior High School, Chacha Ocean View Middle School, Dr. Rita H. Inos Junior/Senior High School, Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja, Mount Carmel School, Tinian Junior Senior High School, and Whispering Palms School participated in the annual competition.

Dandan Middle School, Saipan Community School, and Tanapag Middle School had students competing for the first time on Saturday as well.



Prosecuting attorney Jerrid Igislar of Dandan Middle School questions a witness from Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja's team.

THOMAS A. MANGLONA II

Associate Justice Perry B. Inos, Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho, Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio, and Associate Judge David A. Wiseman presided over the student trials.

According to council program officer Eulalia Villagomez, individual students were recognized for their outstanding performances in each round.

"The Junior High Mock Trial is one of two signature programs that the council hosts annually and it focuses on the humanities subject of jurisprudence," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

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JAYSON CAMACHO

Takecare/FHP staff and board members join the Commonwealth Cancer Association and the 2015 Marianas March Against Cancer committee in a group photo at the TSL Plaza after donating \$3,000 to the signature event as a title sponsor.

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REPORTER

Takecare/FHP is the newest sponsor of the 2015 Marianas March Against Cancer, signing up as a title sponsor of the Commonwealth Cancer Association's signature fundraising event with a \$3,000 donation.

Takecare/FHP operations manager Nora Sablan said they are happy to come on board as a title sponsor.

"Takecare will be sponsoring the survivor's dinner as well. That is one of our commitments for MMAC and we are also part of a team. Our staff will be as-

sisting in the survivor's dinner as well," Sablan said.

Nola Hix, who chairs the 2015 MMAC committee, said that Takecare had always been great sponsor.

"On behalf of the Commonwealth Cancer Association and the 2015 MMAC committee we would like to thank all of our dedicated teams, sponsors, and donors for their continued support over the years," Hix said.

"What most people don't understand is that the money raised stays here on island to provide assistance to existing cancer patients here in the CNMI. It also helps us build awareness as we

look forward to our programs every year," she added.

Businesses, individuals, and organizations that also wish to support the 2015 MMAC may donate funds, services, or raffle items. Sponsorship levels include title sponsor (donating \$3,000 or more), major sponsor (donating \$1,000 to \$2,999), or supporting sponsorship (donating \$1 to \$999).

The 2015 MMAC will be held at the Hopwood Junior High School field from May 1 to 2.

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This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under grant number H25MC06112, Community-Based Integrated Service Systems - Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems grant.



INVITATION FOR BIDS WATER TASK FORCE IFB 15-GOV-073



Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed bids for the Lower Base Water Distribution System Improvement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project was previously announced under IFB15-GOV-040; however that bid was canceled pursuant to the Procurement Regulation NMIAC §70-30.3-240(f). (Only one responsive bid was received at a cost that was deemed to be unreasonably high). **There are no changes to the plans or specifications.**

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of the Treasury (T-Listed).

The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a US Treasury listed company. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

This project is funded in part by a grant from the **Economic Development Administration (EDA), US Department of Commerce and CIP-CDA (PL 17-90). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from EDA.**

The project consists, in general, but is not limited to:

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- Abandon in-place of old PVC pipe.
- Restore disturbed asphalt paving and concrete pavements.
- Pressure testing and chlorination of new waterlines.
- Removal of temporary facilities and controls.
- Construction activity to not interrupt existing water service to the area.

A non-refundable payment of \$500 to CNMI Treasury is required for each set of Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms, available on or after **April 20, 2015** at the Water Task Force Office, 1316 Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at **10:00 a.m.**, on **April 29, 2015**, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan. A project site visit may be made as a part of the pre-bid meeting.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:30 PM on **April 28, 2015**.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3-301. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked **"IFB15-GOV-073"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 pm local time **May 5, 2015**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 2:00 pm local time **May 5, 2015**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **May 5, 2015**, and must be received no later than **May 14, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 pm local time, **May 15, 2015**. However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on **May 5, 2015**.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Taking on Islamic State, with or without Congress

When he greeted Iraqi Prime Minister Haider Abadi at the White House last week, President Obama said that the Iraqis and their allies, including the United States, had made “serious progress” in pushing Islamic State out of Iraqi territory. That’s true, but the enemy is far from vanquished either in Iraq or in Syria. The most optimistic outlook is for a campaign that will continue well into next year and perhaps beyond.

Yet eight months after Obama promised to “degrade, and ultimately destroy” Islamic State, Congress still has not voted to authorize the current military campaign. Senators who have rushed to enact legislation giving Congress a say over an Iranian nuclear deal that hasn’t been finalized have been content to allow the war against Islamic State to proceed without specific congressional authorization or limits on its expansion beyond airstrikes and the deployment of 3,000 U.S. military advisors. Meanwhile, the Obama administration undermines the urgency of its own request for a resolution by insisting that it has all the authority it needs thanks to two previous congressional votes.

The first, approved in 2001, authorized the president to use force against those who “planned, authorized, committed or aided” the 9/11 attacks. The second authorization, from 2002, authorized President George W. Bush’s use of force against “the continuing threat posed by Iraq.”

Besides being responses to long-ago threats, these authorizations are extraordinarily broad and open-ended, potentially permitting everything from airstrikes and military advisors to the deployment of massive numbers of U.S. ground forces. By contrast, the proposed new three-year authorization submitted to Congress by the White House in February would rule out “enduring offensive ground combat operations.”

Obama says he has no intention of reversing the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq, where more than 4,000 Americans lost their lives. But without a new authorization cementing that commitment into law, Americans can’t be certain that a sudden collapse of the Iraqi army and its allied militias won’t tempt the president to escalate U.S. involvement.

On Monday, Reps. Adam Schiff (D-Burbank) and Tom Cole (R-Okla.) released the text of a letter they sent to House Speaker John A. Boehner (R-Ohio) requesting expeditious action on a new authorization aimed at Islamic State, and warning that continued inaction would “cede to the executive branch a power that the framers intentionally delegated to Congress.” But Congress should act not only to assert a constitutional prerogative but to help ensure that the U.S. isn’t again drawn into a lengthy and bloody war in the Middle East.

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The solar multiplex

What first was sci-fi dreaming has become a growth opportunity. A solar panel enterprise just opened a branch on Saipan and though it comes later than when we started edging the use of an abundant resource in our part of the world, it is never too late.

I taught in China in the last four years, three of them at the *Hang Gong Hang Tian Da Xue* aka the Shenyang Aerospace University. The region called *Dong Bei* (northeast China)—better known as Manchukuo to Nippon and Manchuria to elders who saw the *Manchurian Candidate* where Korean theatre US POWs were taken by Russian captors to Manchuria and allegedly brainwashed by handlers, playing at the box office during JFK’s Cuban crisis—inspired US Congress protest on “photovoltaics of Manchurian proportion.”

China has a prominent windmill farm that is a sight on the highway in Manchuria to hit alternative energy at the border of Liaoning and Jilin. The contribution of Chinese companies before 2010 on solar panels bloomed to a competitive effort when the Chinese government offered favorable financing of development and manufacturing, driving the global price down by 40 percent in five years, alarming Washington as three U.S. companies belled up after what has since been dubbed as “Manchurian” competition.

In 2013, converted solar energy constituted not even 1 percent of total production, and though the onslaught of photovoltaics in street and road lights proliferated in China, as well as water heaters on rooftops, it was minuscule compared to the burning of coal that added carbon into the atmosphere, abetting the phenomenon of climate warming.

Summer of 2014, I bid friends and relations adieu in the North American continent, an uneventful occurrence save observations on policies on fuel in both the U.S. and Canada. Personally opposed to the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline to transport the liquefied tar sands of Alberta south to the refineries in Texas, I noted lobbyists hungry for the Chinese model of government financing of business ventures dubbed opposition to the effort as being “anti-business.”

I oppose the efficiency of converting the fuel into useable form, an expensive process that the lobby would like to have the government carry in the same way that indirect subsidy undergirded oil refinements, no thanks to politicians from Texas. (I attended SMU in Dallas in the late ’60s and early ’70s.)

The ecological basis for opposition to Chinese photovoltaics is sound. The processing of silica involves toxic effluents that makers have not been able to effectively dispose well while competitors who did allegedly paid high.

China adopted the operational style of “playing by the books” in governance 2013 and with enlightened ecological policies al-

By JAIME VERGARA

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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ready on record, electric cars found home in the China market. Came California’s Tesla, the battery manufacturer turned car enthusiast who ventured into the China market with warm welcome but have failed to deliver the charging stations needed for its cutting edge electric cars.

We cannot overestimate the power of the oil industry cartel. Reducing dependence on fossil fuel has no shortage of criticism, documented and well marketed, of the deficiencies if not dangers surrounding the use of alternative energy. Electric car sales experienced a downturn in the last four years in NA because of the shortage of charging stations, while oil pumps proliferated in every city corner. Texas hats among the power boys tend to keep their hats intact, even as Mobil-Shell on island monopolize the market where photovoltaics are moving into. (BTW, we have nothing against Mobil-Shell in the NMI; friends are in their employ. It is the industry picking on the new guys on the block that is unjustified, though understandable.)

Canada and the United States’ policies on electric cars is not friendly, or, at best, it placed development on hold especially at a time when oil supply is cheap, at a glut, and storage of the fossil fuel has spilled out off the rim. Diesel engines offer a bright ecological future as biodiesel can replace petrodiesel (clean petrochemicals is an oxymoron) but the volume of use is negligible!

Like the Wright brother’s controlled aircraft at Kitty Hawk, the event took time before it became commercially acceptable; it did not help that the Wright’s patent was on the control of their 1902 glider rather than on the engine of the flying machine. Wright’s experience is instructive to illuminate what alternative energy enterprises go through.

Undeterred use of solar panels, however, continues. Totally solar-powered engines on cars, trains, bikes, planes, and ships, along with energy harvesters and converters in buildings and fields now litter the news. A totally solar powered Hummer is no longer a dream, and an airplane just flew in from Chongqing to Nanjing on a round-the-world journey on solely the heat of the sun.

The CNMI has abundant supply of the resource, sun and silica. We welcome the NMI to the times!

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CNMI PERSPECTIVES**To the leadership of Tinian and the CPA board of directors**

By **INETNUN FANACHU MARIANAS**
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

We, the members of the *Fanachu Marianas*, are hereby expressing our opposition to the military buildup here on Tinian and Pagan for the following reasons:

1 We feel that the "Final Training Needs Assessment: An Assessment of Current Training Ranges and Supporting Facilities in the U.S. Pacific Command Area of Responsibility" published by the Department of the Navy Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100 JBPHH HI 96860-3134 on April 2012, Revised March 2013 is *insufficient to validate the destruction of Pagan, Tinian and Guam*. The report states the following:

a. Previous studies have identified training deficiencies within the PACOM AOR; this study confirmed that finding by compiling a list of 62 unfilled requirements.

b. The IDA Study examined training capabilities at ranges utilized by the DoD in the PACOM AOR and concluded that current training deficiencies exist, particularly in the Western Pacific.

c. Land development and increased housing construction continue to exert pressure on training areas and ranges in the Hawaii Hub. As development near the installations' boundaries increases, use of maneuver areas and impact areas become affected by noise restrictions. The presence of many protected natural and cultural resources within or adjacent to training ranges and facilities also affect range operations. Light sources in the surrounding communities can preclude some night vision training for air crews. Maritime protective and mitigation measures have resulted in training restrictions that reduce training flexibility, force segmented training, and ultimately reduce training realism. Live-fire ranges near the ocean are required to cease operations when civilian watercraft enter the confines of a range surface danger zone (SDZ) that extends into the ocean behind the impact area. These intermittent cease-fire events disrupt and degrade live-fire training events. Acquisition or expansion of land, airspace, or sea space is difficult for the Services in the Hawaii Hub and has implications for training. For example, at MCBH, insufficient usable land area for range development and lack of Special Use Airspace (SUA) preclude conducting collective training except at the most basic levels on ranges. The urbanized character of Oahu further constrains the development of current Army and Marine Corps ranges. The Army's PTA and other smaller training areas throughout the Hawaii Hub are limited by the lack of usable terrain. For all Services, SUA expansion is challenged by the present airways structure supporting primarily civilian commercial aviation. Another important aspect of training is the availability of an unimpeded electromagnetic spectrum. Encroachment on the electromagnetic spectrum may cause range users to seek workarounds to complete training that can become unrealistic, segmented, or irrelevant over time.

d. All U.S. bases within the Japan Hub are affected by increased urban encroachment that impacts and limits current training operations and opportunities. Urban encroachment produces issues with noise, light, and traffic. Further growth and development of training ranges on Okinawa is severely constrained due to a lack of sufficient buffer zones between U.S. training facilities and surrounding communities.

e. The available training areas in the Korea Hub are challenged by encroachment as the civilian population in and around the training areas increases.

2 Furthermore, the military failed to address, in their proposals for increase of danger/hazard surface zones including air space, the emergency evacuation for people needing time-sensitive, critical medical care between Tinian and Saipan.

3 The military failed to address, in the same proposal, the increase in flight time and its natural consequence in increasing airfares and shipping costs between Saipan and Tinian, further isolating direct and immediate access to critically needed materials, supplies, educational opportunities, and other medical/

mental health assistance.

4 The military failed to address the economic impact in the increases in prices of goods, products and services by increasing the surface danger zones elongating the transportation duration in and out of Tinian.

5 The military erroneously based their findings on current data without looking into the local government and the people's long-term goals in stimulating economic development and how the military's plans will most likely diminish or choke possibilities for achieving a self-sustaining economy.

6 The military failed to provide an adequate and/or realistic and effective mitigation plan to protect our natural environment and wildlife habitats, historical/ancestral sites, limestone forests, and herbal and wild plants.

7 The military failed to adequately address the effects of noise pollution caused by firing ranges and air training on our students at school, the elders, and the entire tranquility of our community and visitors.

8 The military failed to adequately address the needs of our cattlemen, farmers and fishermen in terms of how their proposals affect the size of grazing fields, water (potable and ocean), and the quality of soil and water critical to the healthy growth of organic food, of which is crucial to the health of the people of the CNMI, given that we have reached an endemic level of diabetes, cancer, and other food related diseases in the Pacific region.

9 The DEIS presents the military's need to restructure and implant their facilities at both our airport and seaport without any regard to the future expansion of this critical infrastructures of the island. The environmental, social, and economic impact at these facilities and surroundings are determined by the military to be insignificant. The military have not taken into consideration the future of the existing plan for expansion and development and growth of our casino/tourism industry and the critical safety issues of co-existing military maneuvers (air and land) and civilian operations and commerce.

10 While the DEIS presented an "economic benefit" to Tinian, these benefits only address (1) the construction period boom; (2) additional construction workers and maintenance of the base (98 employees); (3) population increase (not sure what is the benefit of this) (4) increase GPD; (5) changes in public services (not sure what public services benefits); etc... However, it does not reference any data that

these economic benefits are truly realistic. Furthermore, it failed to mention the opportunity costs of restricting expansion of casino/tourism industry, costly travel and transportation between Saipan and Tinian, costs of diminishing the water and natural environmental quality of Tinian, and restriction to cultural and historical sites in the northern part of the island.

11 The DEIS not only reverts the responsibility of their solid waste and wastewater responsibility to the CNMI and municipal government but it also conveys the burden of these waste issue to the community by transporting them to Saipan Solid Waste (Saipan has not even agreed nor were consulted on this mitigation) endangering our oceans and environment by exposing them to contaminants and creating odor pollution in the ports of both Tinian and Saipan.

As elected and leaders of the people, it is incumbent upon you that you participate and let your position be heard on this significant and drastic change to our small community especially during future discussions, meetings, and forums that the people are not afforded the opportunity to voice their concerns. We, your constituents, ask for your assistance in voicing our concerns to the military. We ask that you point out and bring to light the distinctions from what the military has told us they intend to do versus what the DEIS outlines; to draw the line between what has been communicated to what has been written on the DEIS. The integrity of our culture and traditions empowers and motivates the grassroots organizations to fight for what is just. We implore you to express the concerns of the people and we think

the majority opposes the military buildup; which we hope will be expressed in the decision-making process for our people. Together, as a unanimous force, we can advocate for the culture and traditions that have given our people (from all walks of life) added value; the culture and traditions that shape our children's identity, and further a heritage, culture, tradition, people and islands that we can all be proud to call home.

The Inetnun Fanachu Marianas is a newly formed non-profit organization on Tinian.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**Quiz Nite IV
on May 2, 2015**

"Disabilities are a natural part of the human experience."—US Congress, 1973.

The Autism Society of the CNMI invites you to Quiz Nite IV at the Fiesta Resort and Spa's Hibiscus Hall this Saturday, May 2, 2015, from 6pm to 10pm. Dinner is at 6pm and game begins at 7pm. You can come alone and make a team onsite, or come with a team of your smartest friends. We used to have limits to our team sizes, but those rules have gone out the window this year! Quiz Nite begins with dinner and then a chance to test your team's knowledge content. Tickets are \$25 a person and no limit to the size of your team. You can buy tickets at the door, but seating is limited to 150, so you can also call me at 783-6378, or Ellena Sutton at 664-7005, or Lillian Ada at 664-7001. Come out, have fun, and support your ASCNMI.

Quiz Nite has been ongoing since 2010. Each time we have had over 100 folks participate and try to walk away with the Golden Trophy. Many teams have tried from our community, including, but not limited to: Mike White and Family, Dr. Ada's Team, Principal Jonas Barcinas and his students, various teacher and or student teams from elementary, junior high, high schools, and the college. We have also seen a team of lawyers and doctors last year that took second place. Our winners since Quiz Nite I have been Mr. Mike White and family both years A.K.A. Team Apaka, and last year's champions, Kagman high team of teachers A.K.A. "One Helluvah Knight" took it all!

Quiz Nite IV is an ASCNMI game night where we test through trivia the knowledge of our contestants based on the number of correct answers the team can provide. We have three judges on hand to tally and report the scores. The goal of Quiz Nite is to bring awareness of autism and other disabilities to our community. There will be a total of 50 questions, with half pertaining to autism or other disabilities, the other half random trivia questions. Each round has 10 questions. We will have five rounds, after which the answers are collected, tallied and shared with the audience before the next round. As a preview, we will share two of the five round topics with you. Round 2 will be on "Comic Books" and Round 4 will be on "Laws." Mr. Greg Borja will be the co-host with me for Quiz Nite IV, so you know we will keep it interesting.

Now is the time for all good people on Saipan to come together for Autism. The theme for World Autism Day is "Light It Up Blue!" You put a blue light up somewhere and when people ask you why, you talk about autism. As you may or may not know, autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in America. As of April 2014, the new statistics from the CDC say that 1 in 68 children aged 8 years old in America has a form of ASD.

For more on autism, ASCNMI, or other disabilities, visit www.nmpasi.org, or call us at 235-7273 or 4 for more.

Thomas M. Thornburgh
ASCNMI Secretary


CNMI PERSPECTIVES

The *Saipan Tribune* introduces this occasional addendum to its Opinion section, soliciting the viewpoints, opinions, and thoughts of experts, academics, and members of the public on a specific topic. Today's column reflects on the impending militarization of the Commonwealth.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲86° ▼75°


TUESDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲87° ▼75°


WEDNESDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲87° ▼75°


THURSDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲86° ▼75°

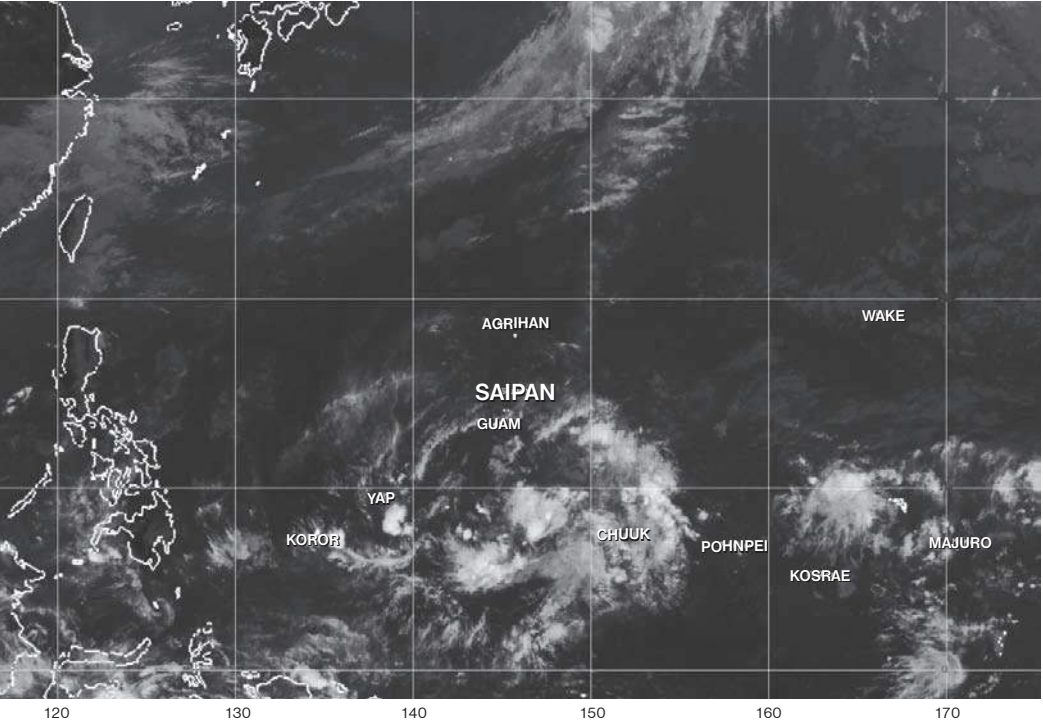
FRIDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼75°

Yesterday's Satellite Image




PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line extends southwestward from west of Iwo Jima near 25N140E to beyond 130E at 22N. Patchy clouds and showers are found along and up to 210 miles northwest of the boundary. A near-equatorial trough extends east-northeastward from south of Mindanao across 4N130E to a broad circulation centered south-southeast of Yap near 7N140E then turns southeastward to end near EQ154E. Isolated thunderstorms are present east of Koror to southeast of Yap between 6N and 8N from 135E to 140E. Converging surface winds northeast of the trough are triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms southeast of Yap across Chuuk State within 100 miles of a line from 5N143E to 9N148E to 6N152E. A weak surface trough moving through Chuuk state is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of the Marianas to west of Pohnpei within 90 miles of a line from 13N150E to 10N153E to 6N155E. Another surface trough stretches east-northeastward from southeast of Kosrae near 3N167E to beyond 180 at 9N. Patches of showers and thunderstorms are seen across the Marshall islands within 120 miles of a line from 9N164E to 11N177E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲66	▼55
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼58
Hong Kong	Showers	▲83	▼72
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼70
London	Mostly Sunny	▲58	▼39
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲85	▼60
Manila	Sunny	▲97	▼76
Melbourne	Showers	▲61	▼45
Miami	Thundershowers	▲92	▼76
New York	Showers	▲63	▼50
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲79	▼60
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲59	▼41
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼52
Rome	Rain	▲68	▼54
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼51
San Francisco	Sunny	▲67	▼51
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲79	▼52
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼60
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼49



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Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
4:25 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
10:31 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
3:09 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
10:06 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	5:57 AM	6:34 PM
Tuesday	5:56 AM	6:34 PM
Wednesday	5:56 AM	6:34 PM
Thursday	5:55 AM	6:34 PM
Friday	5:55 AM	6:35 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	1:08 PM	1:11 AM
Tuesday	1:55 PM	1:52 AM
Wednesday	2:42 PM	2:31 AM
Thursday	3:28 PM	3:10 AM
Friday	4:15 PM	3:48 AM

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UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily			UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily		
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3			UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3		
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UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5			UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota		
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4			UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5		
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5			UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5		
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UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5			UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5		
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)						GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)					
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SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)						PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN					
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT			DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT		
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN					
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6			DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily		
DL297	4:20pm	7:10pm	Daily			DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7		
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UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM			UA180/5071	9:55pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM		
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM			UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 5, 6 via GUM		
UA5039/179	2:15pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM			UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM		
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Why you should play with your kids

By **THOMAS MANGLONA II**
CORRESPONDENT

Playing is how children learn, according to occupational therapist Barbara Sher.

Sher, considered by many as a tireless advocate of the vanishing art of kid’s play, said there is a significant correlation between stimulating and joyful activities and healthy brain development in adolescence.

“It makes sense,” she told *Saipan Tribune*. “Focused attention is a necessary ingredient for learning and children attend to an activity when it is interesting, fun, and meaningful. It’s easy to focus and pay attention when you’re having fun.”



Sher explained that being playful is another word for being “engaged” with children. What children and adults define playful as are different depending on interests, she noted.

“For one parent it might be sitting on the floor making cars go zoom. For another it might be helping in the kitchen and another it might be having a race,” she said. “It isn’t the length of time spent doing things together—10 minutes here, 15 minutes there can be just fine. It’s about the readiness to spend a moment doing something that your child, at this particular age, would find fun.”

Sher, an author of 10 books on the topic, works with the Public School System’s Early Childhood and Special Education Department presenting fun games for children to play.

During 15 years of work on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, Sher said that parents here understand that children thrive when they are engaged in fun activities rather than being told what to do.

“Since most parents weren’t played with when they were children, they need easy suggestions on ways to engage,” she added. “...I want caregivers to know they can increase their children’s skill and sense of being loved with materials found around the house.”

From playing baseball with a newspaper bat and balloon to making an instant puzzle by cutting a cereal box, Sher urges parents to be creative at home.

“You are truly playing together when you are noticing how beautiful your child is and, for that moment, being totally there,” she said.

Sher’s books, podcasts, and other work can be found in 11 different languages on her website, www.gameslady.com.

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ARFF BUILDING ROOF REPAIRS PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-002-15 CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting for sealed proposals for the repairs of the roof at the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Station at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. The work shall include all materials, labor and equipment necessary to achieve a finished product, including but not limited to the items in the scope of work and those shown on the layout.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: **“Proposal for Roof Repairs at the ARFF Station, CPA-SA-002-15”**. One original and four (4) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The proposer shall submit with their proposal the following:

1. Letter of interest;
2. Project Approach;
3. Construction Team;
4. Related past project performance (include commendations or certifications, if available);
5. Available resources to accomplish the project;
6. Cost proposal (in itemized SOW format); and
7. Valid CNMI Business License.

Proposers shall also with their proposal a statement of qualifications which should include résumés and experience of personnel that will be directly in charge of the project. Note that the contractor team that submits a proposal cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different contractors.

A site visit may be requested by each proposer and will be coordinated with the ARFF personnel.

The Scope of Work (SOW) and layout may be picked up at the CPA Administration Office at no cost. Project approach and cost must be within the parameters of the established SOW. Any deviation from the SOW, a proposal based on reduced SOW or a proposal that exceeded what is required by the SOW, will be grounds for immediate disqualification of the offeror’s proposal package. An electronic copy of the layout can be made available upon request to Ms. Wendi Prater at email address wprater@cpa.gov.mp.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 40-50-225. Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Total cost for construction	45%
2. Experience of the firm on similar or related projects	25%
3. Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff	20%
4. Project Approach	10%

The Project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold the contract award for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a proposal bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier’s check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Upon award, contractor shall execute performance and payment bonds for 100% of the contract amount from a CPA approved surety prior to commencement of work.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120)** calendar days. Liquidated damages of \$200.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without excuse.


The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.

CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA’s best interest.


FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ **THOMAS P. VILLAGOMEZ**
Acting Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: April 13, 2015



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-15-015

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF TYPHOON RECOVERY MATERIALS

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Supply and Delivery of Typhoon Recovery Materials for CUC Power Division, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CUC may award a contract to more than one firm for the materials, based on bids for “Commodity Groups”.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-IFB-15-015, Supply & Delivery of Typhoon Recovery Materials” to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 27, 2015** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bid. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers’ questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI’s Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI’s Insurance Code.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.


This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract may be contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission’s (CPUC) approval. If CPUC approval is required, the contract will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 11, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Alfredo Palattao, CUC Power Division Engineer via email alfred.palattao@cucgov.org.


CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-15-016

WATER METER INSTALLATION, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for Water Meter Installation in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity work consists of removal/replacement of failed and non-functioning water meters on the CUC water system, installing meters for customers who do not currently have a water meter on their service line, and relocating water meters to the right-of-way. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is one year (365 calendar days) from date of award with an option to extend for an additional year if exercised by CUC.

This project is funded by the USEPA and the US Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Water & Energy Efficiency grant.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

One (1) original and Seven (7) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-IFB-15-016, Water Meter Installation, Saipan” to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 20, 2015**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 4, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, CUC Water/Wastewater Junior Engineer – via email nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, Jr.
Purchasing Officer

Guam’s tourism plan to lure in 2M visitors raises concerns

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Is the Guam Visitors Bureau’s goal to raise tourist arrivals from 1.3 million to 2 million in a year, starting in 2020, too many, and too soon?

The question was raised at the island sustainability conference hosted by the University of Guam last week, and a local businessman hopes to get the community discussions on the topic to continue, the *Pacific Daily News* reported Monday.

Sonny Ada, former Guam Visitors Bureau chairman and president of Ada’s Trust, is advocating for the continued discussion on the topic because he said it impacts the quality of life of Guam residents.

With GVB’s goal, Guam’s tourist volume would increase by about 50 percent in just five

years, Ada said. If each additional visitor uses just one disposable cup, that means an additional 700,000 cups ending up in the landfill in a year, he said.

Ada said raising the question isn’t meant to be critical of the plan; it’s aimed to help stir discussions about whether there’s a better way to grow the economy without the massive volume of tourists being aimed for.

UOG President Robert Underwood said he hopes the discussions at the 6th Regional Island Sustainability Conference at the Hyatt Regency Guam on April 15 have provoked conversations.

The goal for 2 million tourists a year is stated in the Guam Visitors Bureau’s Tourism 2020 plan.

That goal isn’t new; the island tourism industry had aspired for

that number in the ‘90s, Underwood said.

The discussion on visitor arrivals should include how the island will be challenged with the additional strain to its limited resources, Underwood said.

“I am not opposed to growth, or to economic development, but is there a way to pursue economic development where you have a different calculation?” Underwood asked.

Instead of aiming for 2 million tourists, who might spend \$100 a day in the local economy, the goal could shift to aiming for fewer, but higher-spending tourists, he said. One million tourists who spend \$300 a day in the local economy bring better results to the host community, because there’s lesser strain on the island’s resources, he said.

Underwood mentioned Palau as an example.

Palau has calculated the value of protecting a shark at around \$1 million in tourism dollars because tourists from all over the world visit the island republic for its ecosystem, Underwood said.

The island republic has also realized that killing a shark results in a short-term gain of about \$10,000, he said.

UOG and Ada’s Trust joined efforts in holding a video and essay contest among UOG students to foster the public discussion.

The winners of the video essay contest are Marcel Jardeleza, first place, who received a

\$1,000 prize; and Francis Valencia, second place, who won a \$500 prize.

The winners of the written essay contest are Huy Tran, first place, who received \$500; and Aguarin Iriarte, second place, who received \$250.

Underwood said the question being asked seems critical of GVB’s goal, but many of the essays came up with the conclusion that 2 million tourist arrivals might be doable.

So the answer to the question is not clear-cut, Underwood said.

Ada said he hopes the contest will be expanded next year to include high school students.

He said it’s important for the community to discuss the issue because elected officials can’t just go along with the tourism businesses without weighing the pros and cons to the host community.

Tourism is like any other business -- it’s about supply and demand, Ada said.

After Guam’s hotels went through years of tourism slowdown, they’re currently in a “sweet spot” with higher hotel rates and more tourists to fill their rooms, Ada said.

If Guam is flooded with additional hotel rooms, and another international crisis causes the island’s tourism industry to slump, hotel properties and the people who work there will go through another tough economic time, Ada said.

Bordallo visits Guam cadets at West Point

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) recently visited cadets from Guam who are currently enrolled at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York. Two cadets from Guam, Angelo Martinez and Anthony Chargualaf, are currently attending West Point in preparation for their service in the U.S. Army. She also met with Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen, Jr., Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy, prior to joining Martinez and Chargualaf for lunch.

“I enjoyed meeting with our cadets from Guam who are attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point,” said Bordallo. “Cadet Angelo Martinez and Cadet Anthony Chargualaf are working hard to complete their training at West Point and are focused on becoming officers in the U.S. Army. I encouraged them to keep up their good



Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo visits Guam cadets Angelo Martinez and Anthony Chargualaf, who are currently studying at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

work. I hope that young men and women from Guam will

consider attending West Point as a path to commissioning as officers in the U.S. Army. I look forward to Cadet Martinez’s and Cadet Chargualaf’s successful graduation from West Point and their service to our nation as leaders.” **(PR)**

UOG student gets scholarship for Japan

University of Guam student Kristine Tuazon was recently selected by the Japanese government to receive a full scholarship to graduate school at Sophia University in Tokyo. Tuazon will graduate this May from UOG with a double major in Japanese Studies and Art.

Tuazon was selected for this highly competitive scholarship after testing and interviewing with the Japanese government. She was supported throughout the application process by UOG professor of Japanese Dr. Toyoko Kang.

“Kristine is an outstandingly studious, hard working student.... Almost every semester Tuazon takes six courses here at the University of Guam, but she is a type of student who does not miss any assignments,” Kang wrote in a letter of recommendation. “Kristine

is a sweet, highly self-motivated student that every instructor wants to have in his/her class. I am very lucky to have her in my classes.”

Tuazon will begin her studies in Japan this fall as a research student and hopes to earn her Ph.D. while in Japan.

“The entire thing seems like a miracle,” Tuazon says. “Imagine all the things that had to line up for me to be able to accept this scholarship. It’s really amazing when you think about it.”

Tuazon, encourages other UOG students to apply for the scholarship. Applications are due one year before the student plans to graduate. The program does not require any specific area of study, but Tuazon said it is helpful if you have a good background in the Japanese language. **(UOG)**



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
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BANK OF GUAM,
Plaintiff,

vs.

ESCOLASTICA T. IGUEL and
SYLVESTRE I. IGUEL,
Defendants.

Civil Action
No. 14-0074

NOTICE OF AUCTION
and JUDICIAL SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 25th day of September, 2014, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **6th day of May, 2015 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 045 A 060 situated in As Matuis, Saipan, containing an area of 959 square meters, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 045 A 00 the original of which was recorded 26 April 90 as Document Number 90-1671 and also recorded 26 March 93 as Document Number 93-1038, at the Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c) to reject any and all bids.

2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.

3. Deposit and Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Bank of Guam.

4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 19th day of March, 2015.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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JOSE T. PANGELINAN,
Defendant.

Civil Action
No. 13-0103

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 27th day of May, 2014, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **6th day of May, 2015 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Tract 20472-5, (part of original Tract 20472, AH 506), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2064/82 the original of which was registered 26 MAR 82 as Document No. 14154 at Land Registry, Saipan.

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DATED this 19th day of March, 2015.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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BANK OF SAIPAN,
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JOSEPH ANTHONY CABRERA
SANTOS and CAROL S. SANTOS,
Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION
NO.: 15-0039

AMENDED
SUMMONS

TO : CAROL S. SANTOS

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file with the Superior Court any Answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which shall be provided upon request to Plaintiff's counsel, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication, and to deliver or mail a copy of your Answer to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Second Floor, D'Torres Building, Garapan, P. O. Box 504340, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your Answer.

Your Answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By Order of the above Court:
DATED: April 24, 2015

/s/ CLERK OF COURT
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In The Matter Of
The Adoption Of:
L.M. (12/6/2013)

Minor Child

By:
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Guerrero

Petitioners

FCD-AD-CIVIL
ACTION
NO. 15-0151

NOTICE OF
HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on

May 11, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 205A, before the Honorable Judge Govendo.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2015

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Hope and 3 minutes can save your life

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

It only takes three minutes to get a dental examination but failing to have one leaves a far most lasting impact not only on yourself but also on your family.

This was the case of three women—Mami Ikeda, Carla Sablan, and Lanelle Okawa—who share the unhappy distinction of having lost three of their closest family members to the deadly disease of oral cancer.

Now the three are drawing on their heart-wrenching experiences in order to raise awareness of this disease, in the hope that people will listen to their story of how oral cancer impacted their family and their lives.

Ikeda's brother, Kazunori or "Kazu," Sablan's husband, Jack, and Okawa's husband, Roque Camacho, passed away while battling oral cancer early last year.

While taking care of their loved ones, all three women became close in the Philippines where Kazu, Jack, and Roque were medically referred for treatment.

When all three of their loved ones passed away, Ikeda said their friendship just grew stronger together.

"We still meet every month and it really helps me. Each one of us, it was our first time to really have to give care to a cancer patient and each one of us went through so much when we went to the Philippines, including coming back," Ikeda said.

Kazu, who passed away in February 2014, was Ikeda's baby brother. He was her only family because both their parents have already passed away.

Ordeal

As far as Ikeda knows, oral cancer is the most aggressive cancer. Her brother's case was very difficult because when he would finish treatment, the cancer would return in a more aggressive form.

"Every time a cycle finishes the swelling gets worse. At the end his lymph nodes were blocking all his fluids on his

Tinian DPS sets seatbelt checkpoints

The Tinian Department of Public Safety would like to inform the general public that the Traffic Section will be conducting DUI/sobriety checkpoints on the dates and time listed below:

■ Wednesday, April 29, 2015, 11am to 12:15pm—eastbound lane by the baseball field.

■ Wednesday, May 13, 2015, 11am to 12:15pm—eastbound lane by the baseball field.

■ Friday, May 15, 2015, 11am to 12:15pm—southbound lane on Broadway by the Natibu Park.

■ Monday, May 25, 2015, 11am to 12:15pm—east bound lane by the baseball field; 4pm



From left to right, Carla Sablan, Mami Ikeda, and Lanelle Okawa stand together for a group photo while holding up the laptop with a picture of their lost loved ones. In the laptop, from left to right, shows Jack, Kazu, and Roque Camacho.

JAYSON CAMACHO

face and was forming a lymphedema, which shut his eyes close and made his whole head look like a balloon," she said.

"With Kazu, Roque, and Jack, it was a battle of losing their abilities one by one. He first lost his job, the tumor was on his lip and he lost his upper lip, but still tried to eat as much as he could because he knew what the treatment did," she added.

Kazu eventually lost his voice and his ability to eat and swallow, because the tumors were surrounding his neck and his chin. He couldn't even open his mouth.

"He was so disoriented and at the end he didn't know where he was or who he was," Ikeda said.

Near the end, Ikeda made the hardest thing she has ever done in her life—to tell her brother to let go.

"No one deserves to go through what we went through. No family has to feel what we felt because no one deserves to go through this at all," she said.

to 5:15pm—southbound lane by the Youth Center

Each safety belt checkpoint will last at least 75 minutes (1 hour and 15 minutes). Checkpoints are subject to be terminated if it begins to rain. This activity is part of the Department of Public Safety's effort to ensure that all safety belts and car seat restraints are worn at all times.

In addition, traffic officers will be conducting highway criminal interdictions and laser (speed detection) enforcement.

For more information, contact Police Officer III Wally F. Villagomez at (670) 433-9222 or 433-2041. (DPS)

Okawa's husband Roque passed away in April 2014—just two months after Kazu. She said that although Roque had passed away from oral cancer, the disease was foreign to her family.

"His journey started with pain in his mouth and a sore that developed in his inner left cheek. This sore did not heal over time, even with antibiotics. After about six months of coping with the pain, he finally decided to have himself checked, only to find out that he had stage 4 oral cancer," Okawa said.

"For about three months, he underwent intensive chemo and

radiation therapy. I stood by him and saw the pain and suffering he had to undergo just to get rid of the monster that was inside him. He fought a tough battle; unfortunately the cancer was progressive and did not give him a chance," she added.

Today, Okawa asks herself all the time, "What if?" What if he got checked up sooner, would her husband have been alive to see their daughter's fourth birthday or even her 16th for that matter?

What if he took better care of his oral health, would he have had a chance of surviving this type of cancer? Could he have

had quit his chewing habit sooner and continue to be a part of their family or this campaign for that matter?

"All the what ifs, could haves, should haves can't bring my husband back. But today I insist on helping other families so that they could still have the opportunity to make memories instead of remembering the memory of a loved one," she said.

Sablan's husband Jack passed away last June, two months after Roque. In May of 2013, Jack started to experience difficulty in opening his mouth. Sablan said that he noticed a deep ulcer in the back of his left cheek.

"He thought it was just a sore that would heal in time. He also started to have fevers. We went to see our doctor and he was given antibiotics for a week, which we thought would help, but didn't," she said.

A biopsy was recommended and done at the Seventh Day Adventist Dental Clinic and they got the result a day after Father's Day.

"It was the most painful and devastating news. The first thing that came to our mind was how we're going to explain this to our children and family. We cried the whole drive home. Above all, we remained positive and optimistic that everything will be okay," Sablan said.

Jack underwent several types of treatment, including surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation therapy—all in a period of about a year.

"Through it all, we kept our faith and we're lovingly surrounded by our family and friends. We miss and love him dearly," she said.

Hope

These three women found each other at a time when hope and comfort was sorely needed.

After the passing of their loved ones, they have been together providing outreaches and awareness to both young and old in the CNMI of the deadly disease that nearly broke them down.

All their message is to get screened if you chew and be aware that oral cancer can affect anyone.

They made their testimonials during the Oral Health Cancer Forum at the Pacific Islands Club last Tuesday that lasted from 8am to 4pm.

CNMI Board of Parole VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening Date: April 20, 2015
Position: Chief of Parole

Closing Date: May 01, 2015
Location: Saipan

Qualifications: The Chief Parole Officer is the senior parole officer and is required to manage and direct staff to accomplish the mandate of the Board of Parole. The ideal candidate for this position will have a minimum of three years of experience in the field of parole, community corrections, or a related field. To be effective, the Chief Parole Officer must demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the principles and practices, which underlie parole and community correctional work.

Finally, the Chief Parole Officer will be required to manage a busy office, which is constrained by a lack of funding. Therefore, the ideal candidate will be able to demonstrate managerial experience that will enable the ideal candidate to operate the office efficiently and effectively.

Interested candidates may address their resumes to the Commonwealth Board of Parole Office, Capitol Hill, Bldg. 1216, P. O. Box 502641 Saipan MP.


**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**


**INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB15-BECQ-071**

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: MAY 06, 2015 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

**"OFFICE SPACE RENTAL (TINIAN BRANCH), FOR THE BUREAU
OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND COASTAL QUALITY"**

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE COMMONWEALTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS; IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A BID IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL BIDS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ FRANK M. RABAILLAIN
ADMINISTRATOR, BECQ

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Best Sunshine Resort & Casino

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Best Sunshine Resort & Casino is proposing to operate a 14-storey Hotel and Casino Resort consisting of 254 rooms and 6 villas with amenities. This use is classified as a "Hotel" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This proposal will be situated on lots 104 D 08, 104 D 10 104 D 11R/W, 104 D 12, TR 21049-R2, TR 21054, 21052, 21050, 21059, 21071, 20172, 21066, TD 1440. These lots are located in Garapan between Joeten Hafadai Shopping Center and Orchid Street (Cpl. Derence Jack road). They are zoned as Tourist Resort.

Date: April 30th, 2015 Thursday

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Multipurpose Center, Beach Road, Susupe

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments shall be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan no later than 4:30pm, April 29, 2015 or via email to therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, or US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Saipan Zoning Law of 2013).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

34th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival



FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE LATE FESTIVAL ARTISTS ACCEPTED PLAQUES ON THEIR BEHALF DURING THE FLAME TREE ARTS FESTIVAL'S OPENING CEREMONY LAST THURSDAY.



EMPLOYEES OF THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND COASTAL QUALITY'S DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY GAVE OUT NATIVE PLANTS TO THE COMMUNITY LAST SATURDAY MORNING.



FELLOW DANCERS OF THE LATE ANA MARIE LIMES PERFORM A DANCE IN HER MEMORY.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS PERFORM A CHAMORRO AND CAROLINIAN LANGUAGE PIECE AS PART OF THE ENTERTAINMENT LAST SATURDAY.



ARTIST MICHAEL FINNEY WORKS ON HIS WOOD CARVING.



A FESTIVAL ARTIST SKETCHES A CHARCOAL PORTRAIT OF A YOUNG BOY.



FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS DO THE CHACHA ON STAGE.



GUAM SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL'S RISING TIDE BAND TRAVEL TO SAIPAN TO TREAT THE CROWD WITH THEIR TALENTS.

5TH ANNUAL CNMI ART COMPETITION

Hunter's 'The Conversation' wins Best of Show' trophy

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

With the natural and symbolic, the winning pieces in the 5th Annual CNMI Art Competition told a cultural story.

"We had a lot of great artists contribute their art to the competition this year," said Bridge Capital manager and co-owner Shawn Scott.

"We want to thank all the artists participating this year. We look forward to many new artists joining the competition next year. It's an honor for us to sponsor this event," he said.

Awards totaled \$13,000 in cash prizes. The competition categories were Best of Show, Paintings, Wood-Carving and Others, Photography, Texter's Choice Award, Governor's Choice Award, and Best New Artist.

"Best of Show" went to Robert Hunter for "The Conversation," a painting of boy and a baby sea turtle in the sand by the ocean.

Under the paintings category, Rosemary Diaz won for her "May Tide."

In a note to her painting, Diaz described her work as "capturing the unique formation of coconuts, fishkill seeds, decayed driftwood, sand bars, coral, rocks, and marine life."

Second place for painting went



"The Conversation" wins Robert Hunter "Best of Show" at the 5th annual CNMI Art Competition.

to Joe Kani for "Spray of Pink," a painting of native flowers.

"He's been doing it for many, many years in the CNMI. He continues to bring out the best in all of our arts in the CNMI," said emcee Gary Sword.

For artists under ages 29 and below, Jackie Maglonzo won for her "Gentle Sunset." She was awarded for idyllic painting of a lagoon, palm trees, and sunset.

For second place for age 29 and below was Jolly Anne Cruz came in second for her "Marianas," a painting of longhaired women swaying with the sea.

Peter Aldan was the crowd favorite, winning the "Texter's Choice" award for "Ancestral Roots," a white and black wood carving of a "family

tree." He received well over 1,000 text votes.

First place in the photography was Lainie Zarones for her shot of a "Bridled whiteye or *nosa* on Saipan." Second place was Rosemary Diaz for "The Dance"—a shot of children in traditional dance garb.

Under woodcarving and others, Nhorleen Bitco won first place for "Mutya." Nick Nick Kluwe for "Stretch, Zurich, and Tuli." The award is \$1,000.

For "Best New Artist," Aldan and Bitco won first and second place for their pieces, respectively.

Michael Finney won the Governor's Choice award for "Serena," a woodcarving of barely clad Serena, a mermaid of Marianas legend.



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Rosemary Diaz wins first place for her painting "May Tide."



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Joe Kani wins second place for his painting "Spray of Pink."



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"Gentle Sunset" by Jackie Manglonzo wins first place in the 29 and below category for painting.



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"Ancestral Roots" by Peter Aldan won first place for the Best New Artist and Texter's Choice Award.



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"The Dance" by Rosemary Diaz won second place in photography.



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Michael Finney was "Governor's Choice" for his wood carving of Serena.

Business

How London man may have helped trigger the 'flash crash'

NEW YORK (AP)—He operated from a modest suburban London home he shared with his parents, far from the city's glamorous financial center. He used off-the-shelf software anyone can buy.

Yet, if U.S. authorities are correct, Navinder Singh Sarao, 36, managed to send a jolt of fear through the world's markets by helping to set off the 2010 "flash crash," in which the Dow Jones average plunged 600 points in less than seven minutes.

Just how big a role he played has been hotly debated since the federal complaint was unsealed earlier this week, but the idea that a little-known investor had even a small part is deeply troubling, say traders and market experts.

"If this guy can do it," asks finance professor James Angel of Georgetown University, "who else is doing it?"

In an age of rapidly advancing computer power, the fear is that it's not just big banks and hedge funds that can create chaos on exchanges and wipe out the savings of millions of ordinary investors. Someone working from home might be able to do it, too.



AP
In this May 6, 2010 file photo, Stephen Mara, of Quattro M Securities, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, in New York.

"The risks are coming from the small guys who are under the radar," says Irene Aldridge, managing partner of research firm ABLE Alpha Trading and an expert in the kind of high-speed computerized trading that Sarao did. "The regulators don't have the real-time tools to monitor them."

Sarao allegedly employed a ruse called spoofing, a bluffing technique in which traders try to manipulate the price of stocks or other assets by making fake

trades to create the impression they want to sell when they really want to buy, or vice versa.

Eric Scott Hunsader, founder of Nanex, a provider of financial data that has documented what it claims are cases of blatant spoofing, says the practice is widespread—in stocks and bonds, oil and gold, cotton and coffee. He says bluffing is turning markets into a lawless Wild West, despite efforts by trading firms to fight back with software that can sniff out the false trades.

Comcast abandons Time Warner Cable bid after gov't pushback

NEW YORK (AP)—What killed Comcast's \$45 billion bid for Time Warner Cable? Regulators' desire to protect the Internet video industry that is reshaping TV.

A combination of the No. 1 and No. 2 U.S. cable companies would have put nearly 30 percent of TV and about 55 percent of broadband subscribers under one roof, along with NBCUniversal, giving the resulting behemoth unprecedented power over what Americans watch and download.

Competitors, consumer groups, and politicians have criticized the deal, saying it would lead to higher prices and less choice.

"The proposed merger would

have posed an unacceptable risk to competition and innovation, including to the ability of online video providers to reach and serve consumers," Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler said in a written statement.

The Justice Department said that Comcast dropped its bid because of regulators' concerns that the Philadelphia-based cable giant would become an "unavoidable gatekeeper" for Internet services.

One of the concerns consumer advocates and competitors had with the Comcast deal was that it could undermine the streaming video industry that is reshaping TV. Comcast could, for example, require onerous

payments from new online-only video providers for connecting to its network. Dish, the satellite TV company behind the new Web video service Sling TV, and Netflix opposed the deal.

"It goes to show you how important broadband is," said Amy Yong, a Macquarie analyst.

Regulators have taken other steps that signal how important they consider Internet access. The Federal Communications Commission in February released new "Net Neutrality" rules meant to keep broadband providers from charging Internet companies for "fast lane" access or favoring some content. The broadband industry has sued to stop the rules.

United announces record \$582M Q1 profit

CHICAGO—United Airlines reported Thursday first-quarter 2015 net income of \$582 million, or \$1.52 per diluted share, excluding \$74 million of special items. Including special items, UAL reported first-quarter net income of \$508 million, or \$1.32 per diluted share. These results are a record first-quarter profit for the company.

■ UAL earned a 17.1 percent return on invested capital for the 12 months ended March 31, 2015.

■ UAL's consolidated passenger revenue per available seat mile (PRASM) increased 0.4 percent for first-quarter 2015 compared to first-quarter 2014.

■ First-quarter 2015 consolidated unit costs, excluding spe-

cial charges, third-party business expenses, fuel and profit sharing, decreased 1.5 percent year-over-year on a consolidated capacity increase of 0.1 percent. First-quarter 2015 CASM, including those items, decreased 13.1 percent year-over-year.

■ In the quarter, UAL returned approximately \$200 million to shareholders as part of its previously announced \$1 billion share buyback program.

■ In the quarter, UAL prepaid approximately \$120 million of debt and announced its intention, in the second quarter, to prepay \$601 million of its 6 percent notes due 2026 and 2028.

"This quarter we reported a profit of nearly \$600 million,

excluding special items, a \$1 billion improvement compared to the first quarter of 2014, and I'd like to thank the United team for all their great work," said Jeff Smisek, UAL's chairman, president and chief executive officer. "We continued to improve our operational reliability and deliver products that enhance our customers' experience, including new aircraft, improved food, new inflight entertainment options and modern facilities. We are making significant progress on our long-term plan to reduce costs, improve our margins and grow our earnings, and expect our second quarter pre-tax margin to be between 12 and 14 percent, excluding special items. (United)

Nation

A dozen arrested as Freddie Gray protests turn violent

BALTIMORE (AP)—Thousands of protesters took to the streets Saturday in the largest Freddie Gray rally yet, and after hours of peaceful demonstrations, pockets of protesters smashed out police car windows and storefronts.

Two people were hurt in the mayhem and at least a dozen were arrested. The problems happened near Camden Yards, where the Baltimore Orioles game against the Boston Red Sox went on as scheduled, only fans were told toward the end of the game to stay in the stadium because of public safety worries. Before the game, demonstrators fought with fans at a bar.

Gray died April 19 after suffering a fatal spinal injury while in police custody. Authorities have not explained how or when Gray's spine was injured. Police have said Gray should have received medical attention at the spot

where he was arrested—before he was put inside a police transport van handcuffed and without a seat belt, a violation of the department's policy.

In her first public comments since Gray's death, his twin sister, Fredricka Gray, appealed for calm as she appeared with the mayor at a news conference.

"My family wants to say, can you all please, please stop the violence?" she said. "Freddie Gray would not want this. Freddie's father and mother did not want nobody ... Violence does not get justice."

There have been near-daily protests since Gray's death. On Saturday, a small group threw cans and plastic bottles in the direction of police officers. One protester broke out the window of a police cruiser, grabbed a police hat inside and wore it while standing on top of the cruiser with several

other protesters.

At that point, scores of officers rushed into the area, stopped and formed a line, three officers deep. The protesters scattered but returned a few minutes later and began yelling "What do we want? Justice! When do we want it? Now!"

From inside the stadium, fans watched the protesters gather.

Before the protest turned tense and violent, demonstrators filled two city blocks and marched 2 miles to City Hall, where the crowd overtook the grassy plaza adjacent from the building.

Tanya Peacher, a 36-year-old Baltimore resident, said she'd never attended a protest in the city before, but watching a video of Gray's arrest motivated her.

"I looked at my son," she said, "and thought 'that is my son.'"

With legalization, lawyers turn to business of pot

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Lawyers and pot dealers have long intersected in criminal court, but as marijuana goes mainstream, attorneys have been working to keep sellers and growers legit.

Marijuana divisions are popping up at law firms to advise pot shops on where they can locate, what their websites can say and how to vet new clients.

"It's definitely something that established firms are dipping a toe into, though they are being very cautious, and rightly so," said Sam Kamin, a professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law who teaches a class about representing the marijuana industry.

Kamin said the firms see marijuana as a lucrative new industry, but still worry about

the potential ethical and legal pitfalls - and how it will affect their reputations.

Marijuana has become a multi-billion-dollar industry. California and more than 20 other states have legalized the drug for medical use, and the pot business has gotten a boost from more recent approvals of recreational use in Alaska, Colorado, Oregon, Washington state and Washington, D.C. Pot advocates hope growth continues, as they push for voters to approve recreational pot in California, Arizona, Nevada, Maine and Massachusetts next year. The drug remains illegal under federal law, however, and the American Bar Association's rules of professional conduct prohibit lawyers from assisting in criminal conduct.

With this in mind, attorneys say they focus on providing advice about what state marijuana laws do and don't allow, and decline to answer questions about how clients can bend the rules.

"We're not your consigliere. We're not an organized crime family," said Khurshid Khoja, a legalization advocate and founder of San Francisco-based Greenbridge Corporate Counsel. "We're legitimate business people."

Khoja's firm is among a new crop dedicated solely to marijuana clients, including packaging companies and investors.

But for law firms with other practice areas, there is also concern about how non-pot clients will view their marijuana work.



ACROSS THE NATION

Coast Guard: 4 missing after sailboats capsize in Alabama

MOBILE, Ala. (AP)—A powerful storm capsized several sailboats participating in a regatta, and crews searched late Saturday for at least four people missing in the waters, the Coast Guard said. The storm rolled through the area about 4 p.m. and a man was plucked from the waters by the Coast Guard around 9 p.m., Petty officer Carlos Vega said. He said crews would search through the night. More than 100 sailboats and as many as 200 people were participating in the Dauphin Island regatta in Mobile Bay. Dauphin Island Mayor Jeff Collier told Al.com that at least one person was confirmed dead, but he did not know the cause. "It's been

a very tragic day," Michael Smith, with the Buccaneer yacht club, told WSFA-TV. "We've had a lot of breakage, missing people, fatalities." Susan Kangal, who was on a boat, told WSFA it was the worst storm that she has seen. "We were probably an inch from capsizing; everybody was ready to jump. I didn't have a life jacket on," she said. The boats were part of the 57th iteration of the race.

Remains of Michigan woman last seen at Halloween party found

ASH TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP)—The skeletal remains found at a home construction site in southeastern Michigan are those of a 22-year-old woman who went miss-

ing last fall after attending a Halloween party, a medical examiner's spokesman said Saturday. Ryan Bridges with the medical examiner's office in Wayne County told The Associated Press that dental records identified the remains as being Chelsea Bruck's. Bruck, of Maybee, disappeared after attending the party in Newport, southwest of Detroit and about 15 miles away from where her body was discovered Friday in Monroe County's Ash Township. She was dressed as the fictional comic villain Poison Ivy at the party and was wearing a leaf-covered top and a dark purple wig. Her body wasn't clothed when workers found it while trying to free a dump truck from the soggy soil.

Asia

Toll climbs after powerful quake hits Nepal: Things to Know

By GREGORY KATZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The death toll climbed and aftershocks continued a day after a powerful earthquake struck the Nepal region, triggering an avalanche on Mount Everest and setting off an urgent aid response.

The key information known at this time:

HOW BAD IS THE DAMAGE?

Early indications suggest the death toll across four countries is likely to rise substantially in the coming days. The magnitude-7.8 quake was the worst to hit Nepal in eight decades and caused damage and fatalities in neighboring countries. In addition to more than 1,900 people killed in Nepal, a total of at least 60 died in India, Bangladesh, China's region of Tibet and Pakistan.

The earthquake hit a heavily populated area of Nepal, including the capital, Kathmandu, and its impact spread far beyond the Kathmandu Valley. Strong aftershocks were felt as late as Sunday morning.

"This is a very large earthquake in a significantly populated region with infrastructure that has been damaged in past earthquakes," U.S. Geological Survey seismologist Paul Earle said. "Significant fatalities are expected."

Local hospitals were filling with injured residents, and Kathmandu's international airport was shut down for hours, hampering initial relief efforts in the isolated mountainous country.

WHAT HAPPENED? AND WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Seismologist Earle said the quake happened on what is known as a "thrust fault." That

describes the situation when one piece of the Earth's crust is moving beneath another piece.

In this case, it's the Indian plate that is moving north at 45 millimeters (1.7 inches) a year under the Eurasian plate to the north, Earle said. It's a different type of earthquake than the one that caused the 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

"This is what builds the Himalayan mountain range," Earle said.

The region and particular fault has a history of damaging earthquakes, including four temblors with magnitudes greater than 6.0 in the past 100 years, Earle said, warning that landslides are a particular worry now, given the steep slopes in the region.

WHAT DOES 'RED ALERT' ISSUED BY US OFFICIALS MEAN?

The U.S. Geological Survey said the earthquake was strong enough to merit a "red alert" for shaking-related fatalities and economic losses. It said that "high casualties and extensive damage are probable and the disaster is likely widespread. Past red alerts have required a national or international response."

Quick USGS calculations estimate a two-thirds likelihood of between 1,000 and 100,000 fatalities and damage between \$100 million and \$10 billion. Scientists estimate that more than 105 million people felt at least moderate shaking during the quake.

WHAT HAPPENED ON MOUNT EVEREST?

A devastating avalanche swept across Mount Everest after the quake, claiming at least 17 lives with an unspecified number of people missing and injured.

The avalanche struck near

one of the famed mountain's most dangerous spots. It swept down between the Khumbu Icefall, known for its harsh conditions, and the base camp used by international climbing expeditions.

There were unverified reports of avalanches on other parts of the mountain. Nepalese officials said some 30 people were injured at the base camp.

Facebook postings by climbers suggested that some people may have been buried in their tents when the avalanche hit. Climbers and their support teams were leaving the base camp Saturday looking for safer locations.

More than 4,000 climbers have scaled the 8,850-meter (29,035-foot) summit since 1953, when it was first conquered by New Zealand climber Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay.

HOW PREPARED IS NEPAL TO COPE WITH SUCH A CRISIS?

Nepal is a relatively poor country without extensive resources despite its rich cultural heritage and spectacular mountain scenery.

It has been plagued by instability in recent years, and general strikes have recently brought chaotic scenes to Kathmandu.

Nepal's constitution was supposed to have been written by the Constituent Assembly that was elected in 2008, following the end of a 10-year Maoist insurgency and the overthrow of the centuries-old monarchy, but the assembly was hampered by infighting and never finished its work.

The current assembly was chosen in 2013, but has faced the same problem.

Neighboring Pakistan has offered help, and an international aid effort is likely to begin once Kathmandu's international airport can be reopened.

World

World offers help after Nepal quake, but few know scope yet

LONDON (AP)—As world leaders and global charities try to grasp the scope of an earthquake that devastated parts of tiny, mountainous Nepal, they are preparing emergency aid for the survivors but worrying how to make sure it gets there.

With Internet and cell-phone communications spotty and many damaged roads closed, the outside world scrambled for a clear picture of what most was needed following the magnitude 7.8 quake near the capital, Kathmandu, on Saturday.

They know they need to hurry. Kathmandu's airport reopened, a key development.

"We know the damage is extensive and that access into rural areas will be very, very difficult for everybody," said Ben Pickering, Save the Children's humanitarian adviser in Brit-

ain. "Children will be affected in many ways. Physical injuries. Separated from families."

Doctors Without Borders said four teams were leaving Sunday morning for Nepal from Bihar state in India, close to the Nepal border. The organization also is sending in 3,000 kits including medical supplies.

Habitat for Humanity International, which has worked in Nepal for years, said it would immediately begin distributing 20,000 emergency shelter kits as it evaluates the scope of the damage and determines construction plans.

AmeriCares sent a team from India and was preparing shipments of medical aid and relief supplies. Handicap International, which had 47 workers in Nepal before the earthquake, was already busy with

the emergency response.

French aid group Doctors of the World (Medecins du monde) said it had mobilized its workers in Nepal and was sending more staffers and medical aid to the region immediately.

Mercy Corps said it was checking on the safety of the large team it already had on the ground in Nepal and assessing conditions.

As countries around the globe pledged aid, Pope Francis offered prayers for the victims and those working to save them.

A 62-member Chinese search and rescue team, plus six dogs, was expected to arrive in Kathmandu midday Sunday by chartered plane, the country's state-run Xinhua News Agency reported, citing the China Earthquake Administration.

Thousands honor soldiers on 100th year of Gallipoli battle

GALLIPOLI, Turkey (AP)—For the first time at age 95, Bill Grayden has come to Gallipoli, where his father stormed the beach and took a bullet through his lung during the ill-fated British-led World War I invasion.

Grayden was among thousands of Australians and New Zealanders who made the pilgrimage from the southern hemisphere to this distant peninsula in Turkey. They joined world leaders at a dawn service Saturday marking exactly 100 years since the invasion, which had aimed to secure a naval route from the Mediterranean to Istanbul through the Dardanelles, and take the Ottomans out of the war.

During the emotional ceremony, Britain's Prince Charles

and the prime ministers of Australia and New Zealand spoke of the heroism of the soldiers from their countries and other Allied nations.

"For so many, the rising sun that day would be their last," Australia's Chief of Defense, Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin, told the crowd of thousands gathered at Anzac Cove near the landing site.

That was not the case for Bill Grayden's father Len. Five days after the landing, the elder Grayden was found wounded and nearly motionless on the field. During the heat of battle, someone noticed a slight hand movement and he was evacuated to a hospital ship and ultimately survived. The subtle moment that determined his fate demonstrates how small differences

can substantially change the course of history.

Len Grayden would return to Australia to raise a family. His son Bill later served in multiple campaigns in World War II and became a politician. He has raised 10 children of his own, and now has 44 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and so far one great-great grandchild.

The Gallipoli campaign also altered the course for the countries on both sides of the trenches. The landings marked the start of a fierce battle that lasted for eight months. Around 44,000 Allied troops and 86,000 Ottoman soldiers died. Australians and New Zealanders mark the anniversary of the landings every year as important national days of remembrance.

WORLD BRIEFS

Israeli police: 2 Palestinians shot dead after knife attacks

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israeli police officers on Saturday shot dead two knife-wielding Palestinians in response to separate stabbing attacks against Israeli officers, police said, before a third attack against police forces later in the day left three officers injured. In the first incident, police spokeswoman Luba Samri said a 17-year-old east Jerusalem resident named Ali Mohammed Abu Ghannam approached a roadblock with a butcher's knife and tried to attack officers there. Samri said officers shot Abu Ghannam dead after he refused to lay down his weapon. Dozens of Palestinian youth clashed with police forces following the incident, hurling rocks at the police who responded with tear gas. In a separate incident a firebomb was thrown at a bus on a highway leading into Jerusalem. No one was wounded. Later, in the West Bank city of Hebron, a Palestinian attacked an Israeli police officer there, stabbing him several times in his head and chest. The officer was evacuated to a hospital and was in stable condition. Sabri said other officers on the scene opened fire on the assailant and killed him. Finally, late Saturday, a car driv-

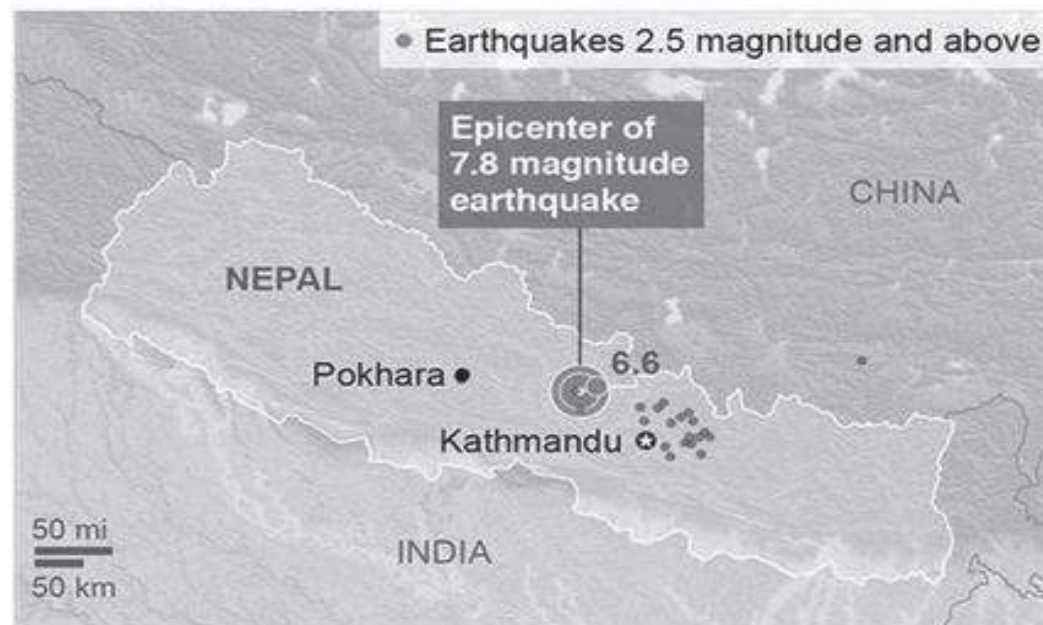
ing toward the Mount of Olives cemetery in east Jerusalem swerved toward the pavement and ran over three Israeli officers, wounding one seriously, police said. Officers opened fire toward the vehicle but it managed to escape before being found later without the driver in it.

Kazakhstan goes to polls as president expected to win

ALMATY, Kazakhstan (AP)—Kazakhstan is voting in a presidential election expected to overwhelmingly reconfirm the long-standing incumbent, who has ruled the former Soviet republic for more than 25 years. Election officials in the oil-rich Central Asian nation have said they expect turnout to be high Sunday, although 74-year old Nursultan Nazarbayev's victory over his two nominal rivals is all but a formality. Kazakhstan is experiencing an economic slowdown as a result of lower oil prices and the international sanctions against top trading partner Russia. Nazarbayev wrote in an opinion piece before the election that the vote would give the elected president a clear mandate to lead the country through potentially troubled times. Polling stations are scheduled to remain open until 8 p.m. local time (1700 GMT).

Hundreds killed in Nepal earthquake

A deadly earthquake that struck outside Kathmandu has killed more than 876 people. The death toll is expected to rise.



SOURCES: maps4news/HERE; USGS

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Health & Fitness

Hawaii poised to become 1st state to raise smoking age to 21

HONOLULU (AP)—A bill that would make Hawaii the first state to raise the legal smoking age to 21 cleared the Legislature on Friday and is headed to the governor.

The bill would prevent adolescents from smoking, buying or possessing both traditional and electronic cigarettes.

“It’s definitely groundbreaking legislation,” said Jessica Yamauchi, executive director of the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii, which pushed for the bill. “It’s amazing to be the first state in something. That’s very exciting for us.”

Gov. David Ige hasn’t yet decided whether he will sign the bill, and his staff has to vet all bills for legal issues, he said.

“The departments will be doing their review and then we’ll have the opportunity to look at it,” Ige said.

Those caught breaking the rules would be fined \$10 for the first offense, and subsequent violations would lead to a \$50 fine or mandatory community service.

Dozens of local governments have similar bans, including Hawaii County and New York City.

According to the state Department of Health, 5,600 kids in Hawaii try smoking each year, and 90 percent of daily smokers begin the habit before age 19. Meanwhile, 1,400 people die from tobacco use or exposure in Hawaii every year, according to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

“Today we have the opportunity to change the paradigm,” said Democratic state Sen. Rosalyn Baker, who introduced the bill.

Smoking prevalence would fall an estimated 12 percent if the minimum smoking age was raised to 21, according to a report by the Institute of Medicine, which is part of the National Academy of Sciences.

The favorite flavors among teens who use electronic cigarettes are sweet tart and “unicorn puke, which is described as a combination of every flavor of Skittle in one,” Baker said.

“While the industry is not allowed to directly market to children, it is still developing packaging and advertising products in ways that appeal to children,” she said.

Sabrina Olaes, 17, got involved in promoting the legislation after finding herself in restrooms full of electronic cigarette fumes when her classmates vaped at her high school.

“You feel like you want to hold your breath because you don’t want to smell what they’re smoking,” Olaes said. “It’s pretty sad to know that they’ve fallen under the addiction.”

Opponents say it’s unfair that a military veteran returning from service could be prevented from smoking.

“It is not right because you are deemed an adult when you turn 18,” said Michelle Johnston, owner of Sub Ohm Vapes in Kailua-Kona, on Hawaii’s Big Island.

“You can sign up and be in the military and basically give your life for your country. You can vote,” she said. “Why shouldn’t you be able to choose if you want to buy tobacco products or vaping products, when you’re considered a legal adult?”



Yamauchi

Worried sick over canine flu? Tips to help protect your pup

By **SUE MANNING**
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LOS ANGELES (AP)—An outbreak of canine flu has sickened more than 1,000 dogs in the Midwest, killing a handful and stirring concern among animal lovers nationwide that the highly contagious virus will sideline their pets.

Experts blame the epidemic on a strain called H3N2 that is seen in Asia and leaves pets feeling lousy for about two weeks. Veterinarians believe the strain, which doesn’t yet have a vaccine, will likely spread to other parts of the country, so they offer ways to keep pets healthy or help those that are already ill.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Steve Gilberg, a digital marketer in Chicago, says his 6-year-old pug-Chihuahua mix, Joey, had most of the symptoms: high fever, runny nose, watery eyes, sore throat and loss of appetite. But mostly, he coughed.

“He just started coughing really, really hard, kind of like a smoker’s hacking cough, coming from the belly,” Gilberg said.

Dr. Brian Collins urges owners to pay attention to changes in behavior, such as dwindling interest in eating, drinking and playing, labored or rapid breathing, or lethargy.

“If he’s always happy to eat and now he isn’t, that isn’t a good sign. Are they clingy when they are usually close, removed when they are usually just a bit aloof?” said Collins, a companion animal veterinarian at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in Ithaca, New York.

HELPING SICK PETS

Start by taking its temperature. You can’t just feel your dog’s forehead to see if it’s running a fever, but digital thermometers can take readings under an armpit or in the most accurate area—the backside, Collins said.

Food and fluids are important, so keep trying to entice your buddy. With a pet that isn’t eating well, offer fare that’s a bit more tempting, but be careful it doesn’t cause a stomachache. Try some baby food, canned meals or dry food softened with water.

Dogs probably have achy

muscles, a sore throat and stuffy head, while feeling tired and run down, so don’t discourage long bouts of snoozing as long as they are getting up to go outside and staying hydrated.

“If he’s mostly resting and seems stable and is breathing comfortably, then the more sleep, the better,” Collins said.

Gilberg said his sick pup would lie in bed all day, but it helped to hold him and then his energy returned gradually.

AVOID GERMS

Infected dogs can be contagious for two weeks, so keep pets—sick or healthy—away from other pooches and places where they gather, such as doggie day cares, dog parks, groomers and pet stores.

Some pet businesses in Illinois closed for a few days to help stop the spread. When Gilberg took Joey to the vet, the receptionist asked them to wait out front to avoid getting other dogs sick.

The virus gets passed through the air when dogs sneeze or by people when germs jump on hands or clothing, where they can live for hours. But the canine flu doesn’t sicken people.

Personal Trainer

Why working out works

Muscles change in response to work they have done.

Muscles work three ways

Contraction
Muscles shorten as they pull

Isometric effort
Muscles hold load without changing length

Extension
Muscles pull and lengthen at same time

Muscles are constantly built, torn apart

Enzymes constantly break down old protein fibers in muscles and control the making of new ones

Exercise, active lifestyle
More muscle is built than is broken down

Sedentary lifestyle, aging, poor nutrition
More muscle is broken down than is built

All three types of movement make muscles grow larger, but isometric exercise does not promote muscle cell construction

Source: Source: Science and Technology Directorate of NASA Marshall Space Flight Center
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Paul Trap, Tribune News Service

Bone strength tied to more than calcium

“Better to have it and not need it than to need it and not have it,” my mom used to say. That’s why we always had plenty of food for holidays...and why I still tend to over pack when I travel.

When it comes to nutrition, this wisdom could apply to the process of building strong bones. While babies are still in the womb, calcium and other bone-building nutrients are mobilized to develop their skeletal structure. During childhood, bones continue to grow in size and density. Peak bone mass—when our bones achieve their genetically determined optimal size and density—occurs for most of us between the ages of 18 to 25 years.

As we get older, we begin to lose more bone than we make, says the National Osteoporosis Foundation. And this is when earlier investments in our bone bank begins to pay off. If we don’t have it when we need it, we can develop osteoporosis, or “porous bones.”

Definitely, then, the most critical time to invest in bone building and strengthening is during the younger years. As we mature, our food choices help maintain what we have. An adequate supply of calcium and protein, for example, add strength and flexibility to

our skeletal frame. And physical activity helps pump calcium into bones. A simple carton of yogurt before volleyball practice or a walk on the beach can help fortify bones, for example.

Vitamin D is essential as well. It helps the body absorb calcium and phosphorous, the minerals that give bones their strong framework. Without adequate vitamin D—from sunshine, food or supplements—bones become thin and brittle.

Collagen, a protein that allows our bones to bend without breaking, is manufactured in the body with the help of vitamin C. Think about that next time you grab an orange or throw some strawberries on your cereal.

Other nutrients critical for building and maintaining bone mass include potassium, magnesium and zinc—found in foods such as green leafy vegetables, beans, meat, fish, nuts, and whole grains.

Got the picture? Bone building takes more than calcium. Bones need a healthy dose of nutrients from all the major food groups, including fruits, vegetables, protein and high-calcium foods. Here are some good-for-your-bones foods:

Milk, yogurt, cheese, fatty fish like sardines and salmon, forti-

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fied soy beverages (Calcium, Protein, Vitamin D)

Collard, turnip and mustard greens, kale, Chinese cabbage (bok choy), broccoli (Calcium, Potassium)

Tomatoes, raisins, prunes, bananas, spinach, potatoes, oranges (Potassium)

Red and green peppers, oranges, grapefruit, broccoli, strawberries, Brussels sprouts, papaya (Vitamin C)

Shellfish like oysters and crab, nuts and seeds, legumes, whole grains, yogurt (Magnesium, Zinc)

Like my mother said, Better to have it than to need it and not have it.

Life & Style

Bruce Jenner comes out as transgender, says 'I am a woman'

NEW YORK (AP)—In the 1970s, Bruce Jenner was a symbol of American masculinity as an Olympic champion. Nearly 40 years later, in an extraordinary television interview, Jenner told the world that he identifies as a woman and has felt gender confusion since he was a little boy growing up in the New York suburbs.

Jenner let his hair down—literally loosening a ponytail and letting his hair flow past his shoulders—in a symbolic moment at the start of his two-hour interview with ABC News' Diane Sawyer that was televised Friday. "Yes, for all intents and purposes, I am a woman."

For the transgender community, it was a moment as significant

as Ellen DeGeneres' coming out as a lesbian was for gays nearly 20 years ago. DeGeneres tweeted support to Jenner, saying the former Olympian was "saving lives and opening minds."

"My whole life has been getting me ready for this," said Jenner, 65, known to a younger generation as the patriarch of television's omnipresent Kardashian clan. "It's not just the last few years as they've been treating me as a joke."

The interview was filmed in February in Los Angeles and New York, before a fatal car accident in which Jenner was involved. The Nielsen company said an audience of just fewer than 17 million people saw the interview.

Jenner said he self-identifies

as "her," not a specific name. But he told Sawyer he felt comfortable using the pronouns "he" and "him," a designation that is an important issue for many in the transgender community, which believes that transgender people should be referred to by the pronouns with which they choose to identify.

Jenner said his "brain is more female than it is male." He said he began gender reassignment therapy in the 1980s—taking hormones, having surgery to make his nose smaller and having hair removed from his face and chest—but gave it up. As Jenner got older, he realized that



Jenner

if he got sick and faced death without facing up to this issue, "I'd be so mad that I didn't explore that side of my life."

As a young boy, Jenner felt an urge to try on his mother's and sister's dresses.

"I didn't know why I was doing it," he said. "It just made me feel good."

Jenner said he has never been sexually attracted to men, and he wanted to make clear to viewers that gender identity and sexuality were separate things.

"I am not gay," he said. "I am, as far as I know, heterosexual. I've always been with a woman, raising kids."

Jenner said he has not decided whether he will undergo sexual reassignment surgery.

"These are all things that are out there in the future for me to

explore," he said. "There's no rush for that. And I would do it so quietly that nobody in the world would know."

Jenner's four oldest children appeared on the interview special to support their father, but not the two girls he had with Kris Kardashian. He said his stepdaughter Kim has been a big supporter, urged on by husband Kanye West, but that his stepdaughter Khloe was taking it the hardest.

Google executive among hundreds dead from Nepal quake

NEW YORK (AP)—Dan Fredinburg, a Google executive who described himself as an adventurer, was among the hundreds who died in a massive earthquake that struck

Nepal on Saturday.

Google confirmed his death. Lawrence You, the company's director of privacy, posted online that Fredinburg was in Nepal with three other Google

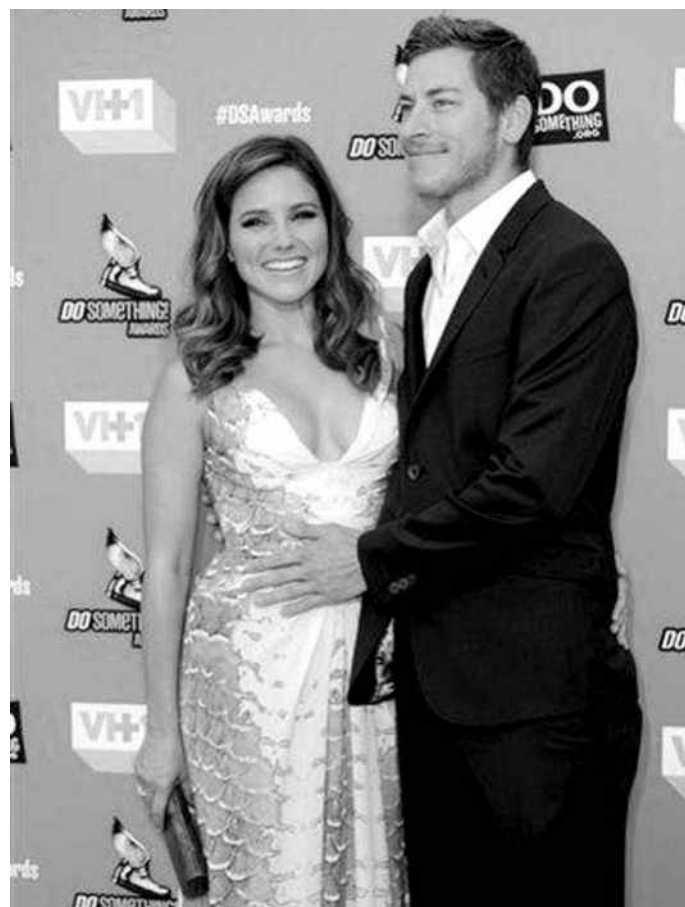
employees climbing Mount Everest. The other three, he added, are safe.

Google would not give further details. According to the technology blog Re/Code, Fredinburg was an experienced climber who co-founded, in his spare time, Google Adventure. The project aims to "translate the Google Street View concept into extreme, exotic locations like the summit of Mount Everest or the Great Barrier Reef off Australia," according to Startup Grind, a global startup community.

Fredinburg also helped start Save the Ice, an organization dedicated to raising awareness about global warming "through adventurous campaigns and events around the world," according to its website.

Fredinburg started at Google in 2007. He served as product manager and the head of privacy at Google X, the company's secretive arm best known for "moonshot" projects such as the self-driving car.

Google said it has launched a "person finder" tool for Nepal to help people find loved ones in the aftermath of the quake and "is working to get updated satellite imagery to aid in the recovery effort." Google says it is committing \$1 million to the quake response.



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This July 31, 2013, file photo shows Sophia Bush, left, and Dan Fredinburg arriving at the Do Something Awards at the Avalon in Los Angeles.

Winding up, Obama tosses zingers at press, political foes

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama says he's bringing a new attitude to the final quarter of his presidency: Bucket!

"After the midterm elections, my advisers asked me, 'Mr. President, do you have a bucket list?'" he told those attending the annual dinner of the White House Correspondents' Association. "And I said, well, I have something that rhymes with bucket list ..."

"Take executive action on immigration? Bucket! New climate regulations? Bucket!"

The correspondents' association dinner is the night the president does stand-up comedy to raise money for scholarships for young journalists—and provides tongue-in-cheek payback for those already on the job as well as political opponents. A few of the presidential zingers tossed out Saturday night:

■ "It is no wonder that people keep pointing out how the presidency has aged me. I look so old, John Boehner's already invited Netanyahu to speak at

my funeral."

■ "Just this week Michele Bachmann actually predicted that I would bring about the biblical end of days. Now, that's a legacy."

■ "I have one friend ... just a few weeks ago she was making millions of dollars a year, and she's now living out of a van in Iowa." That was a crack about presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton, who campaigned in Iowa in a van nicknamed Scooby.

■ Noting that "Saturday Night Live" cast member and dinner entertainer Cecily Strong impersonates CNN anchor Brooke Baldwin, Obama said that's surprising. "Usually the only people impersonating journalists on CNN are journalists on CNN."

■ On the TV series "Black-ish," Obama said he had to give ABC fair warning. "Being black-ish only makes you popular for so long. Trust me, there's a shelf life to that thing."

■ "The polar vortex caused

so many record lows they renamed it MSNBC."

■ "Donald Trump is here—still."

The mix of Washington journalists and Hollywood stars—showcased live on C-SPAN, the political nerd's favorite cable channel—delivered hours of interesting images for hardy viewers. (Yes, that was Oscar-winner Jane Fonda on the arm of CNN anchor Wolf Blitzer.)

Few of the politicians who may want to succeed Obama showed up for the dinner. One on hand was former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, a Democrat pondering a 2016 bid, and reality TV star Trump, who again has been teasing Republicans about running for national office.

Most of the prospective and declared Republican candidates stayed away. Many chose to meet potential supporters and donors at conservative gatherings in Las Vegas and Des Moines, Iowa.

The dinner helps fund scholarships and awards that recognize journalists.

Brother with repeat offenses doesn't merit sister's support

DEAR ABBY: My brother is older than I am and has been in and out of prison. He has stolen my things and pawned them.

I am married, and my husband and I are expecting our first child. We live in a time zone several hours behind the one my family is in. I am now receiving phone calls at 4 o'clock in the morning from collection agencies on the hunt for my brother. He has been writing bad checks and leaving my phone number as a contact number.

I have managed to determine who his probation officer is, and I'm on the fence about whether I should tell her what he is up to. My dad is furious with me for even considering it since "brothers and sisters don't do that to each other."

Honestly, I am fed up with this "blood is thicker than water" mentality when it comes to my brother's wrongdoings. He is now including my family in his schemes, and I won't stand for it any longer. What should I do?

LITTLE SIS IN THE USA

DEAR LITTLE SIS: There are no excuses for what your brother has done. If his father had given him a dose of tough love while he was a minor, he might have stayed on the straight and narrow instead of landing in the pokey.

Do not allow anyone to make you feel guilty for protecting yourself and your family. Blood isn't thicker than water when abuse is involved, and your brother's behavior qualifies. Contact his probation officer. With luck, when the collection agency calls again, you will be able to give them your brother's "cell" number.

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DEAR ABBY: Last year I had bariatric surgery. Since the surgery I have lost a significant amount of weight and still have a lot to go before I reach my goal weight. In the beginning, my husband was supportive and seemed proud of my weight loss. But he is no longer as physically interested in me now as he was when I was considerably larger.

I recently discovered several photos of larger women on our computer. Now I'm wondering if he's looking for my replacement or just has a "thing" for bigger women. Should I say something to him about this apparent desire for larger women?

SLIMMING DOWN IN WASHINGTON

DEAR SLIMMING DOWN: If you feel your weight loss may have negatively affected your marriage, you should absolutely talk with your husband about it. Frankly, HE should have discussed it with you before you made the decision. Bar-

DEAR ABBY

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iatric surgery is a major operation. It is life-changing and should not be taken lightly.

As I see it, you have taken a giant step in a positive direction healthwise, and I hope nothing will interfere with it. If you and your husband have trouble discussing this, please do it with the help of your doctor or a licensed marriage counselor.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

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PLUS, YOU DEVELOP THAT "CHEWER'S JAW" THAT DRIVES THE GIRLS WILD.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

I'M GOING TO TRY BEING INVISIBLE TODAY

I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU ALL DAY

TAH-DAH!

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

OHMIGOSH! WHAT?

NEW NEIGHBORS! THERE'S A MOVING VAN NEXT DOOR!

I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYONE BUT MOVERS, BUT I HAVE HIGH HOPES.

PLEASE HAVE A TRAMPOLINE. PLEASE HAVE A TRAMPOLINE.

THEY'RE CUTE AT THIS AGE, AREN'T THEY?

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

Do you believe in PARALLEL UNIVERSES?

NO.

HEY! KEEP IT DOWN OVER THERE!

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Cushions

5 Insecticide letters

8 Cooking fat

12 Cast-of-thousands movie

13 Blackbird

14 Medley

15 New Age musician John

16 Seek votes

18 But

20 Firstborn

21 Baseball legend Willie

23 Longing

24 Showy white flower

28 Appointment

31 Sapporo sash

32 Blunder

34 Ball pop

35 React in horror

37 "Gentle on My Mind" singer

39 Aye

41 Untrustworthy sort

42 Slept soundly?

45 Monkey in a lab, maybe

49 Victoria's Secret buy

51 "— Karenina"

52 "So be it"

53 Scratch

54 Drunkards

55 Titanic thwarted

56 Type squares

57 Pairs

DOWN

1 Folk singer

2 Pinnacle

3 Frisbee, e.g.

4 Plot

5 Long-short, in poetic meter

6 "CSI" evidence

7 Occasion

8 Fraudulent, as dice

9 Estrange

10 Predetermines the outcome

11 "Cut it out!"

17 Thickness

19 Tropical tree

22 Twine

24 Gear tooth

25 Lawyers' org.

26 Incorrect term

27 Fans

29 Aviv

30 Slithery swimmer

33 Colorful fish

36 Removing rind

38 Item in a KFC bucket

40 "Of course"

42 Wound cover

43 Appellation

44 Capitol cap

46 Winter forecast

47 "Do — others ..."

48 Back talk

50 Felonious flight

Solution time: 26 mins.

Friday's answer 4-27

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Austin Dillon, 25; Jenna-Louise Coleman, 29; Patrick Stump, 31; Ari Graynor, 32.

Happy Birthday: Keep your life simple, focused and on track. You will be taken for granted if you are too willing to help others achieve before you master your own goals. Deal with emotional situations before they have a chance to escalate. It will be your promptness and your strong sense of justice that will prevail. Learn as you go. Your numbers are 6, 13, 19, 22, 27, 31, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Aim to impress. Love is on the rise and romance in the stars. No matter what your focus is, do your best. An older relative will appreciate your concern. Neglect will play a role in the way a situation unfolds. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stick to a set formula or conservative strategy when it comes to budgeting and making your nest egg grow. Don't feel pressured by what others do or say. Think for yourself, do your own thing and you will avoid a loss. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Focus on home, family and self-pampering. Do whatever it takes to keep things running smoothly. A problem when dealing with institutions will crop up. Put off any legal, financial or medical matters for now. Love is in the stars. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Accept whatever changes are going on around you and keep moving in the direction that seems the most appropriate. It's best not to make a

fuss or promise too much. Just do what's expected of you and avoid emotional conflict. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Overreacting will not help you avoid disputes at work or at home. Make whatever changes are necessary and do your best to take care of your responsibilities to avoid complaints or criticism. Discipline and hard work will be your best response. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Live and learn. Ask questions and respond with confidence. Taking part in community events or traveling for business will be emotionally draining, but will give you plenty to think about. Progressive action will pay off. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Expect the unexpected. Learn to go with the flow and you'll keep the peace as well. Don't get involved in a joint venture or put cash into something that is aimed to help someone else instead of helping you. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Taking an introspective look at your life and the way you've been living will help you make some necessary adjustments that will lead to a more creative and interesting future. Don't worry about what others do—follow your heart. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look around you and make personal changes that will bring you added confidence, greater satisfaction and improve your love life. Real estate investments or fixing up your residence will help your assets grow. Romance is highlighted. ★★★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Concentrate on the changes you can make at home that will better your life. A last-minute change someone makes must not alter your plans or leave you feeling confused. Use your imagination and your skills to improve your surroundings. ★★

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Crew Member (2)

Classification: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Manager In Charge (MIC)

Summary of Responsibilities
Performs a variety of duties that may include the duties of a Telephone Person, Cashier, Register Person, Cut & Pack Cook, Makeable Pizza Preparer, Receiving & Stocking and Lot Person.

TELEPHONE PERSON
Essential Functions

- Answer telephone quickly within Pizza Hut guidelines.
- Clearly communicate to customers all specials and promotions.
- Accurately record customer orders on to POS system.
- Communicate to make table personnel any special requests.
- Keep counter and work area clean and organized at all times.

CASHIER
Essential Functions

- Ensures an accurate accounting of all transactions, collections and disbursements during work shift.
- Receives cash drawer at beginning of work shift and verifies the accuracy by counting money in cash drawer.
- Obtains and reviews information regarding price changes or menu specials.
- Greet guests as they enter the dining area or carryout area.
- May take guests' food and beverage orders and give orders to kitchen staff.
- Itemizes and totals guests' food and beverage purchases or may collect food and beverage checks from guests and ring them to the register.
- Collects cash, checks, or charge payments from guests. Makes change for cash transactions, verifies identification for checks and prepares charge voucher for credit card purchases.
- Counts money, checks, and charge payments in cash drawer at end of shift.
- May reconcile checks, cash receipts and charge sales with total sales to verify accuracy of transactions.
- Stocks counters, display refrigerators, salad bar, and steam table neatly, accurately and in a timely fashion as per menu.
- Checks to ensure that all display foods are presented attractively as per standards.
- Displays food under appropriate hot or cold conditions as per standards.
- Keeps display equipment clean and free of debris during meal service, as assigned.
- Cleans workstation thoroughly before leaving area assignment.
- Relays relevant comments received from customers directly to supervisor.

REGISTER PERSON
Essential Functions

- Responsible for providing quick and efficient service to customers.
- Greets customers and takes their food and beverage orders.
- Accurately records customer's orders on to POS system and computes the amount of the bill.
- Serves drinks from dispensing machines or makes and serves hot drinks from water heater or coffee maker.
- Picks up food items from serving bar or storage area.
- Places items on tray or in take-out containers.
- Checks orders to ensure that guest is receiving a complete and correct order.
- Informs kitchen staff of shortages or special requests.
- Collects payment from guest and makes change.
- Helps with preparation of food in kitchen.
- Helps with getting back up food on line
- Washes dishes.
- Informs manager of stock levels.
- Restocks drink station/supplies, paper.
- Checks supplies in counter area - napkins, crushed peppers and cheese, and restocks items to ensure a sufficient supply throughout shift.
- Wipes off front counter with cleaning solution and clean cloth. Keeps counter and floor clean at all times.
- Cleans and restocks dining room.
- Takes trash out to dumpster.
- Performs long-term maintenance on sidewalks, walls, and equipment.
- Sweeps and keeps exterior lot clean at all times throughout the shift.

CUT & PACK COOK
Essential Functions

- Checks workstations for presence of small equipment, assembly materials, paper goods and condiments.
- Responsible for product assembly, checks appearance and calls out preparation times for all orders.
- Monitors oven setting according to Pizza Hut standards.
- Checks all finished products to ensure compliance with Pizza Hut standards.
- Communicates with make-table personnel, front line personnel and MIC for quality controls and feedback.

MAKE-TABLE PIZZA PREPARER
Essential Functions

- Responsible and required to prepare and assemble all products according to customer's order and according to Pizza Hut portioning specifications.
- Sets up the make-table by checking the worktable, counter, dough cabinets, and line refrigeration to ensure they are properly stocked prior to the meal production period.
- Checks all workstations (make-table, pasta) for presence of appropriate small equipment, assembly materials, and stock levels.
- Monitors all food production areas for safety and sanitation practices and procedures. Checks for cleanliness and orderliness and provides direction/takes action as necessary.
- Sets up production cycles, ensure proper inventory levels are available, and calls to back up or replenish items as necessary.
- Reads order on video or printer as they appear. Calls out and coordinates specials/missing items to ensure quick service. Tracks preparation times on all orders (TITO), checks weight and appearance and passes item into oven.
- Periodically monitors need of food and materials supplies, takes action as necessary.
- Communicates clearly and effectively to food production personnel, receives information and feedback from them on their needs, and takes action based on observation and information received.
- Cleans and sanitizes workstations on an ongoing basis during meal preparation periods and at the end of the meal period.
- Monitors work of kitchen staff in the completion of their close-down duties and responsibilities.

WAIT HELP
Essential Functions

- Greets the guests as they enter the dining area.
- Clearly communicate to customers all specials and promotions.
- Take guests' food and beverage orders and give orders to kitchen staff.
- Attends to the needs of the customers.
- Cleans table when guests leave.
- Wipes tables with cleaning solution and a clean cloth.
- Performs secondary duties such as phone order taking, product preparation and restaurant maintenance.
- Keeps dining area clean and organized at all times.
- Relays relevant comments received from customers directly to supervisor.

RECEIVING & STOCKING
Essential Functions

- Responsible for the receipt and storage of all food, supplies and materials received in the restaurant using proper EXPERT, FIFO and Pizza Hut procedures.
- Receives all food, supplies, and materials.
- Checks all incoming items for count, quality and specification.
- Ensures that items are received and stored at the proper temperatures.
- Maintains the completion and compliance of all delivery and inventory records as defined by proper Pizza Hut procedures.
- Keeps all storage areas and inventory in a neat and orderly fashion.
- Maintains the quality of the restaurant products by ensuring that all inventory are dated properly before storing to effect proper FIFO usage.
- Maintains the safety of the restaurant by ensuring that all storage areas are free of hazardous conditions.

LOT PERSON
Essential Functions

- Receives assignment from Manager In Charge at the start of shift.
- Maintains cleanliness and sanitation of dining room including all tables, chairs, support bars, floors, windows, and trash receptacles.
- Cleans and restocks drink station with ice and lids as needed.
- Cleans and restocks restroom facilities with soap, toilet tissue and paper towels. Empties trash containers, cleans walls, doors, basin, mirrors, floors and toilets.
- Maintains exterior cleanliness from litter and debris. Checks lighting, windows, landscape, parking lot, sidewalks, trash corral and signage.
- Communicates with manager in charge to maintain cleanliness efficiency and ensures guest satisfaction. This includes assisting guests with trays and opening doors.
- Follows priority sequence on lot checks, should take care of any eye soars first, such as spilled drinks, over flowing trash receptacles, etc.
- Return trays to designated area to be cleaned.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Abilities, Knowledge, and Skills
Able to understand and implement written and verbal instructions. Communicates clearly, courteously and efficiently with customers in English. Must possess basic math skills.

Required Experience
Food service and food production experience preferred. Cash handling experience preferred.

Education/Experience
High school diploma required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Position requires well-paced mobility for minimum periods minimum of four hours. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday. Must be able to bend and stoop occasionally. Must be able to occasionally lift 40 lbs. Must have sensory capabilities to select quality of sauce. Must have finger dexterity to use some utensil tools.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Delivery Driver (3)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Part Time, Non-Exempt, less than 32 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Manager In Charge (MIC) / Dispatcher

Summary of Responsibilities
Delivers customer's order in a timely and safe manner within accordance of Pizza Hut guidelines and compliance with State and Federal traffic laws.

Essential Functions

- Drives competently and complies with all traffic laws.
- Delivers products in a timely manner with accuracy and courteousness.
- Collects checks, cash or credit card slips to properly tender order.
- Performs secondary duties such as washing dishes, cleaning, prep and cooking duties.
- Keeps car and work area clean and organized throughout shift.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma required.

Abilities, Knowledge, and Skills
Must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess a valid CNMI driver's license with a minimum of 2 years driving experience. Must have an acceptable driving record. Must provide own insured vehicle for deliveries. Able to read and follow road maps. Must be able to speak, read, write and understand English. Must be able to communicate clearly, courteously and efficiently with customers.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Position requires well-paced mobility for a minimum of four hours. Requires driving, standing and walking for most of the workday. Must be able to lift 25 lbs. occasionally.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Dough Scaler & Mixer (3)

Classification: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports to: Manager In Charge (MIC)

Summary of Responsibilities
Prepares the pizza dough every morning to use throughout the day.

Essential Functions

- Responsible to dough preparedness as prescribed from manager In Charge
- Complies with all portioning, quality standards, rules, policies, and safety procedures
- Selects and transports raw items to work area and back. Stores finished products in proper places
- Selects proper equipment and utensils to prepare as procedure require - dough mixer, whips, pitcher, proofer, bun-o-matic, retarder and dough roller.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned

Abilities, Knowledge, and Skills
Must be able to work the opening shift. Able to understand and implement written and verbal instructions. Must possess basic math skills.

Required Experience
Previous bakery experience required.

Education/Experience
High school diploma required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Position requires well-paced mobility for minimum periods minimum of four hours. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday. Must be able to bend and stoop occasionally. Must be able to occasionally lift 40 lbs. Must have sensory capabilities to select quality of sauce. Must have finger dexterity to use some utensil tools.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

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Bayless' layup at buzzer gives Bucks win over Bulls



MILWAUKEE (AP)—Jerryd Bayless cut right along the baseline, leaving Derrick Rose a couple of steps behind.

It was just the sliver of an opening Bayless needed to put up a game-winning layup at the buzzer.

Bayless' basket gave Milwaukee a rousing 92-90 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Saturday, drawing the upstart Bucks within 3-1 in their Eastern Conference playoff series.

"We thought we got better tonight. We found ourselves with a 'W,'" coach Jason Kidd said.

And they are still alive to play Game 5 on Monday in Chicago.

All thanks to a play coming off a timeout called by Kidd with 1.3 seconds left.

Bayless' task was to cut along the baseline and hope to find an opening. The guard stopped Jared Dudley to ask a question before his teammate threw the inbounds pass from side court.

"I was curious. I just wanted to know, 'Are you going to look for this?' Every cut is live," Bayless said.

The high-arching pass got to Bayless at the perfect moment. He made a nice catch and put up a quick shot with his right hand.

Rose walked away in frustration, while green and white streamers descended from the Bradley Center rafters.

The rebuilding Bucks had won their first playoff game in five years.

"As a whole we have a long ways ago," Kidd said. "But I thought with this being a character game, the group in that locker room showed a lot of character by finding a way to get a win."

Chicago had a chance to win with the game tied at 90. But Milwaukee's Khris Middleton tipped a dribble away from Rose to force a steal. Kidd called timeout to set up the final play.

"I put that all on me. I just wasn't paying attention to the ball," Rose said.

Coach Tom Thibodeau refused to lay the blame solely on his star point guard.

With a total of 28 turnovers, the whole team played a part in failing to close out a four-game sweep.

"I'm not going to put it on that last play. There were a lot of other plays throughout the course of the game," Thibodeau said.

When you turn the ball over like that you're not going to have success."

Jimmy Butler had a playoff career-high 33 points for the Bulls. Pau Gasol had 16 points and 10 rebounds, while Rose finished with 14 points, six assists and eight turnovers.

And Chicago couldn't force a Milwaukee mistake at the end.

"But that definitely didn't lose us the game," Gasol said. "Mistakes will happen—we

just made too many of them throughout the game."

Veterans Dudley and Bayless were calming influences off the bench on a team known more for rising stars Giannis Antetokounmpo and Michael Carter-Williams, both starters.

But it was the bench that ignited Milwaukee's second-half push after the Bucks lost a 12-point lead in the first half. The Bucks' reserves outscored Chicago's 47-13 in the game.

O.J. Mayo finished with 18 points, including a 3-pointer with 1:42 left. Dudley had 13 points and five assists—including the one on the game-winner—while Bayless had 10 points.

Another reserve, John Henson, finished with four blocks, two in the final minutes.

Vacation plans will have to wait for at least another couple of days.

"A lot of people start shipping their cars, planning their vacations when they're down 3-0. We're so young, people don't even know what to think," Dudley said. "I thought today the veterans stepped up and said, 'Hey, this is how you have to do it.'"

The stinging loss reminded Rose about how tough it can be to close out a playoff series.

He's focusing on defense going into Game 5.

"When you give up a layup for the game-winner, it's hard," Rose said. "But I'm happy that I have the teammates I have, the coaching staff I have. I really believe I'm built for this."

Warriors 109, Pelicans 98

In New Orleans, Stephen Curry had 39 points, eight rebounds and nine assists and Golden State cruised to 109-98 victory over New Orleans, completing a sweep of their first-round playoff series.

Klay Thompson added 25 points for the Warriors, the NBA's top overall seed, who will wait to host Game 1 of their second-round series against the winner of the Portland-Memphis matchup.

Draymond Green added 22 points and 10 rebounds for Golden State, which led 67-54 at halftime and widened the gap to as many as 24 points in the second half before the Pelicans briefly cut the deficit to single digits in the final minutes.

Anthony Davis had 36 points and 11 rebounds for the Pelicans and Eric Gordon had 29 points.

Golden State shot 50.6 percent from the field, including 13 of 24 from 3-point range. Curry was 6 of 8 from deep, while Thompson was 4 of 7 and Green 3 of 6.

Nets 91, Hawks 83

In New York, Brook Lopez had 22 points and 13 rebounds and Thaddeus Young added 18 points and 11 rebounds as Brooklyn cut Atlanta's lead to



AP
Milwaukee Bucks' Jerryd Bayless (19) puts up the game-winning shot against Chicago Bulls' Derrick Rose (1) during the second half of Game 4 of an NBA basketball first-round playoff series Saturday, April 25, 2015, in Milwaukee.

Millsap added 18 points and 17 rebounds.

Grizzlies 115, Trail Blazers 109

In Portland, Oregon, Marc Gasol had 25 points and Memphis took a 3-0 lead in their playoff series with Portland.

Courtney Lee had 20 points and Mike Conley added 14 before leaving the game late in the third quarter with a facial injury. Memphis was already thin at point guard with reserve Beno Udrih sidelined with a sprained right ankle.

Game 4 is Monday night at Portland.

Nicolas Batum's 3-pointer got Portland as close as 94-91 with 2:23 left. But Tony Allen's basket ended Portland's 9-0 run and Randolph added free throws.

Batum finished with 27 points for the Blazers, who have dropped seven straight games, including four to wrap up the regular season, and CJ McCollum added 26.

Zach Randolph had 16 points and the Grizzlies won their seventh straight against Portland, including a sweep of the four-game regular season series.

2-1 in the Eastern Conference series.

The Nets seized control with an 18-0 run spanning the third and fourth quarters after the Hawks grabbed their first lead since the opening basket, then

went on to beat the No. 1 seed for the first time in seven meetings this season.

Bojan Bogdanovic added 19 points for the eighth-seeded Nets, who can tie the series with another victory here Monday

night in Game 4.

DeMarre Carroll scored a playoff career-high 22 points for the Hawks, who were denied what would have been their second 3-0 lead since moving to Atlanta in 1968. Paul

Floyd Mayweather Jr.: I'm better than Muhammad Ali

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Floyd Mayweather Jr. refused Wednesday to back off earlier comments declaring himself a better fighter than Muhammad Ali.

Mayweather said he respects Ali's great career and the things he did outside the ring. But he said he believes he has done as much in boxing as the legendary former heavyweight champion ever did, without the losses that Ali suffered in his career.

"He called himself The Greatest and I call myself TBE (The Best Ever)," Mayweather said. "I'm pretty sure I'll get criticized for what I said, but I could care less. I could care less about the backlash."

Mayweather had earlier said that he was better than both Ali and Sugar Ray Robinson, pointing to his 47-0 record as proof. He also said he would never have lost to a fighter like Leon Spinks, who beat an aging Ali in 1978 after having just seven pro fights.

"I just look at Ali's career when he fought Leon Spinks and lost to a fighter with seven fights," Mayweather said. "There were some other fights he lost and he's still known as

The Greatest because that's what he put out there. It is what it is."

A little more than a week before his megafight with Manny Pacquiao, Mayweather seemed relaxed on a conference call where he talked about his career and the man he will face in the ring May 2. He refused to say anything bad about Pacquiao, and said he was treating the richest fight ever as just another fight.

"I know it's the biggest fight in boxing history but I can't approach it like that," Mayweather said. "I'm never going to put any unnecessary pressure on myself. I like to approach the fight like he's a fighter who's extremely talented. But my thing is to just be Floyd Mayweather."

That has worked for Mayweather his entire career, though most boxing historians would disagree with his own view of his place in boxing's historical hierarchy. That includes the current heavyweight champion, Wladimir Klitschko, who told a group of reporters in New York on Tuesday that maybe Mayweather

shouldn't be so boastful.

"I think probably, I heard this comment from Mayweather that he's better than Ali or greater than Ali," Klitschko said. "I think people call the king the king, not the king (who says) 'I'm the king.' So people make others somebody that he is or that he's not. So that's people's opinions."

While Mayweather's place in history may be in debate, there's no debate that he will make the biggest purse ever against Pacquiao. Depending on pay-per-view sales—which reportedly have been strong for a fight still 10 days away—he could earn as much as \$180 million for the welterweight title bout.

That prompted a question Wednesday about whether the free-spending Mayweather—who owns a fleet of expensive cars, a private jet and several mansions—worries about losing all his money after he retires.

"I'm blessed, I made some good investments," Mayweather said. "If I wanted to retire today I could."

Mayweather credited what he called a brilliant game plan

for reaching his goal of becoming the first fighters to ever make a nine-figure paycheck in one night. But he said he has changed in recent years, toning down his act and putting aside the Pretty Boy and Money May personas he used to help him sell previous pay-per-view fights.

This fight needs no selling, and Mayweather has been subdued at every public appearance.

"It took a game plan for me going out there to win and me speaking out with a very loud voice and having a lot of personality," he said. "But as you get older you mature. You've done trash talking for 17 or 18 years, look at me, what I've done. I don't have to do all of that. I did all that loud talking and everything to get to this point."

That includes speaking badly about Freddie Roach, who has tried to cast Mayweather as the bad guy in this fight promotion.

"He's making it basically a god against devil kind of thing, but he doesn't have to get in there and fight," Mayweather said. "He's entitled to say what he wants to say, but the fighters aren't speaking like that and it comes down to the two fighters."



Orioles top Red Sox 5-4 to end 5-game skid



BALTIMORE

(AP)—David Lough hit a game-ending homer in the 10th inning to cap a two-run rally against Koji Uehara, and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Boston Red Sox 5-4 Saturday night to end a five-game losing streak.

A crowd of 36,757 showed up for this matchup of AL East foes. Outside the stadium, thousands gathered to protest the death of Freddie Gray, who died in police custody after suffering an unexplained spinal injury.

Several helicopters circled Camden Yards as some of the protesters threw cans and plastic bottles in the direction of police officers. Inside the ballpark, people watched the protesters gather.

In the middle of the ninth inning, after the Red Sox extended a game the Orioles seemingly had in hand, the public address announcer told the fans that the mayor and city officials requested no one leave the ballpark because of "ongoing public safety issues."

By the bottom of the 10th, the restriction on departing the stadium had been lifted. But fans were warned against traveling in certain parts of the city.

Brian Matusz (1-2) got the win. Uehara (1-1) recorded just one out and was charged with two runs and two hits.

Cardinals 5, Brewers 3

In Milwaukee, St. Louis lost ace Adam Wainwright to an ankle injury, and then got a boost from Mitch Harris.

Wainwright was helped from the field by a trainer after injuring his left ankle while stumbling out of the batter's box on his popup to first leading off the fifth inning. He allowed three

hits in four shutout innings.

The 29-year-old Harris then tossed 1 1/3 scoreless innings in his major league debut after serving five years of active duty in the U.S. Navy following his graduation from the Naval Academy.

Matt Holliday hit a three-run drive in the seventh for St. Louis, which has won four in a row. Matt Belisle (1-0) got five outs for the win and Seth Maness pitched 1 1/3 innings for his first save.

Milwaukee right-hander Wily Peralta (0-3) allowed seven hits in six innings in his third consecutive loss.

Mets 8, Yankees 2

In New York, Matt Harvey finished one out shy of a complete game, earning his first win against the team he rooted for growing up and leading the New York Mets to an 8-2 victory Saturday over the crosstown Yankees.

Kevin Plawecki hit his first major league home run and drove in three runs, and Lucas Duda and Eric Campbell also connected off an ineffective CC Sabathia (0-4). Juan Lagares went 4 for 4 with an RBI triple.

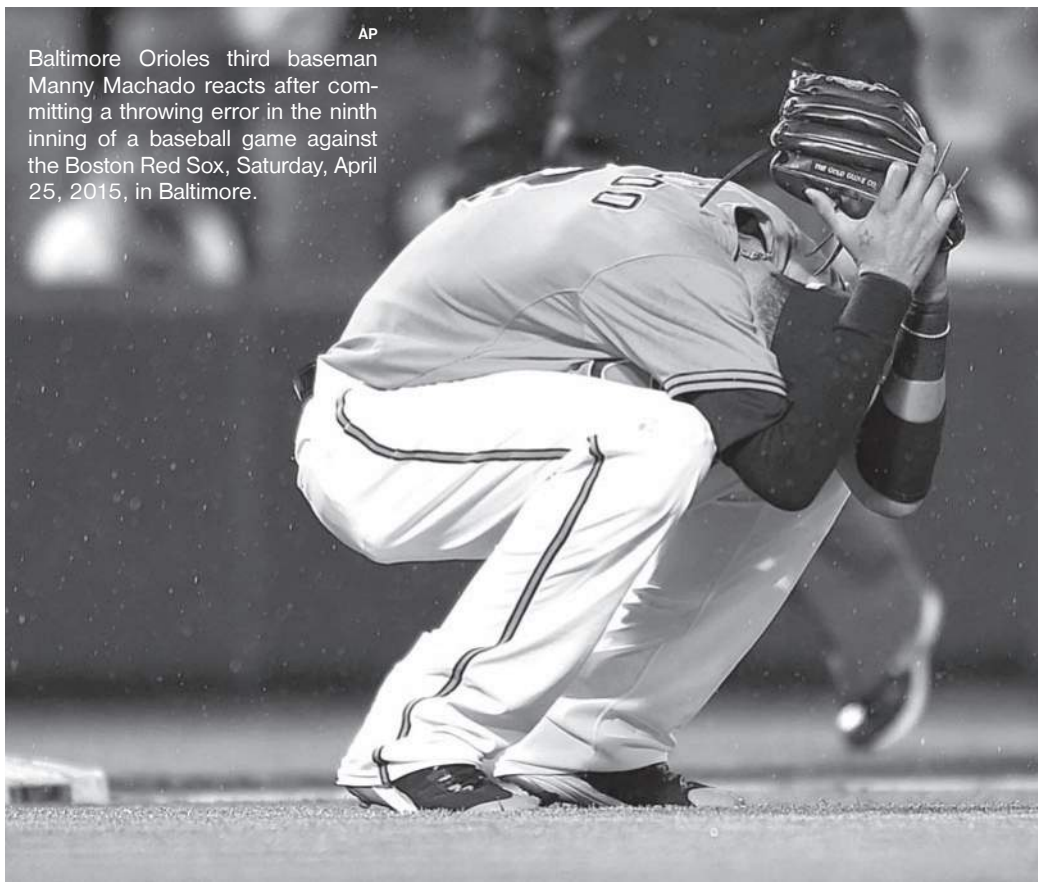
Harvey (4-0) allowed two runs and five hits as the Mets kept pace with the 1986 team for best start in franchise history at 14-4.

Mark Teixeira had three hits, including his eighth homer for the Yankees. Sabathia (0-4) was charged with seven runs and nine hits in five-plus innings.

Dodgers 11, Padres 8

In San Diego, Adrian Gonzalez hit his sixth home run against San Diego this year, a three-run shot, and Andre Ethier, Howie Kendrick and

AP
Baltimore Orioles third baseman Manny Machado reacts after committing a throwing error in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox, Saturday, April 25, 2015, in Baltimore.



Juan Uribe each had a two-run drive for Los Angeles.

Gonzalez leads the NL with seven homers and 18 RBIs. Brandon McCarthy (3-0) pitched five-plus innings before departing with right elbow tightness.

San Diego's Justin Upton homered twice and drove in five runs. Wil Myers hit his first career leadoff homer.

Ian Kennedy (0-1), who was activated from the 15-day disabled list earlier Saturday, allowed eight hits and eight runs in 4 2-3 innings.

San Diego has lost four straight.

Marlins 8, Nationals 0

In Miami, Tom Koehler out-pitched Stephen Strasburg, Giancarlo Stanton homered and

the revitalized Marlins earned their fourth win in a row.

Defending NL East champion Washington (7-11) endured its fourth consecutive defeat and fell into a tie for third place with the Marlins, who have put together their winning streak after a 3-11 start.

Stanton had three hits, including his fifth homer in nine games, and drove in two runs.

Strasburg (1-2) allowed eight hits and four runs in six innings. Opponents are batting .317 against him, and his ERA rose to 4.88.

Koehler (2-2) gave up six hits in 7 1/3 innings. Two relievers completed Miami's first shutout of the year.

Braves 5, Phillies 2

In Philadelphia, Andrelton Simmons led off the seventh with a homer, sparking a rally for Atlanta.

The Braves scored three runs in the seventh and chased David Buchanan (0-4) while snapping a four-game losing streak. Chris Johnson had an RBI single and Eric Young Jr. delivered a go-ahead double that lifted Atlanta to a 3-2 lead. The Braves added two more in the eighth.

Jason Grilli worked a scoreless ninth for his seventh save.

Shelby Miller (3-0) allowed two runs and three hits over six innings in his third straight win.

Ryan Howard hit a two-run homer for the Phillies.

Angels 4, Rangers 1

In Anaheim, Calif., C.J. Cron hit a tiebreaking two-run single in the sixth inning, leading the Angels' rally to their third straight victory.

Albert Pujols tied it with a bases-loaded single for the Angels, who scored three runs in the sixth despite having two runners thrown out at the plate.

Pujols also drew a bases-loaded walk in the seventh as Los Angeles climbed back to .500.

Vinny Pestano (1-0) got the win, and Huston Street saved his third consecutive game for the Angels.

Colby Lewis (1-2) was charged with two runs and four hits in five-plus innings as the Rangers lost for the fifth time in six games.

Tigers 4, Indians 1

In Detroit, Victor Martinez drove in three runs, helping Alfredo Simon and the Tigers get the win.

Detroit slugger Miguel Cabrera drew four walks in a game for the first time in his career, three of them intentional. Earlier this season, the two-time AL MVP went 11 for 14 with six RBIs in a three-game series at Cleveland.

Simon (4-0) gave up one run and six hits in 6 2/3 innings. Joakim Soria pitched a perfect ninth for his sixth save.

Ian Kinsler drove in the other run for the Tigers and Rajai Davis stole three bases.

Cleveland's T.J. House (0-3) gave up three runs and four hits in three innings. He started in place of Trevor Bauer, who was scratched because of an illness.

Astros 9, Athletics 3

In Oakland, Calif., Houston star Jose Altuve hit a three-run homer and extended his hitting streak against Oakland to 28 games.

Jed Lowrie drove in two runs and George Springer homered for the Astros (10-7), who have won six of seven and are off to their best start since winning 12 of 17 games to open the 2006 season.

Scott Feldman (2-2) allowed three runs and five hits in 6 2/3 innings to get the win.

Oakland's Kendall Graveman (1-2) allowed six runs in 4 2/3 innings. The A's (8-11) have lost three straight to fall three games under .500 for the first time since July 2012.

Pirates 2, Diamondbacks 1

In Phoenix, Starling Marte singled home Neil Walker with two outs in the ninth inning, helping Pittsburgh to its fourth consecutive win.

Walker doubled to the center-field wall against Addison Reed (0-1) before Marte hit a ground-er past diving shortstop Cliff Pennington.

Tony Watson (1-1) pitched out of trouble in the eighth to earn the win. Mark Melancon worked the ninth for his fifth save.

Giants 5, Rockies 4, 11 innings

In Denver, Nori Aoki scored from third on Joe Panik's bunt down the first base line in the 11th inning, lifting San Francisco to the victory.

Aoki reached on a leadoff walk from Brooks Brown (0-1) and was sacrificed to second. Angel Pagan followed with a single to center but Drew Stubbs' strong throw forced Aoki to hold up. Panik then had a well-placed bunt down the line that allowed Aoki to break for the plate, and he slid into the bag just ahead of the throw home.

Justin Maxwell and Andrew Susac homered for San Francisco. Jean Machi (1-0) pitched 1 2-3 scoreless innings for the win.

Troy Tulowitzki and Carlos Gonzalez went deep for the Rockies.

Twins 8, Mariners 5

In Seattle, Eduardo Escobar hit a solo home run and six other Twins drove in at least one run.

Eduardo Nunez had two hits and two RBIs for Minnesota, which took advantage of three Mariners errors and two wild pitches.

Austin Jackson hit a two-run homer for Seattle in the seventh. Nelson Cruz also drove in two runs.

Mariners left-hander James Paxton (0-2) was charged with four runs, one earned, and five hits in 4 2/3 innings.

Tim Stauffer (1-0) earned the win and Glen Perkins worked the ninth for his fourth save.

Rays 4, Blue Jays 2

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Tim Beckham hit a tiebreaking double during Tampa Bay's three-run eighth inning, and the Rays won their fourth straight game.

James Loney tied it at 2 with a pinch-hit RBI double before Beckham's hit off Miguel Castro gave Tampa Bay a 4-2 advantage.

Ernesto Frieri (1-1) struck out all three batters he faced for the win. Brad Boxberger pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

Toronto's Brett Cecil (1-2) faced one batter, giving up a two-out single to David DeJesus.

Compton, Day top leaderboard in rain-plagued Zurich Classic

AVONDALE, La. (AP)—Erik Compton birdied three of five holes after a nearly six-hour rain delay Saturday, giving the two-time heart transplant recipient a share of the lead with Jason Day early in the third round of the rain-plagued Zurich Classic.

Compton and Day were at 13 under, a shot ahead of Justin Rose, Blayne Barber, Jerry Kelly and David Hearn at TPC Louisiana when play was suspended because of darkness.

Compton finished six holes, and Day played three. Before rain halted play at 12:14 p.m., Day finished off a 7-under 65 to take the second-round lead.

Winless on the PGA Tour, Compton also completed a 65 in the second round.

"It was nice to come out this morning and finish the round," Compton said. "And then, I basically just did what everybody else did, just sad-

dled up and waited."

Compton opened the third round with a birdie on the first hole before the long delay. He came back with a birdie on the par-5 second and added birdies on the fourth and fifth holes.

"It's going to be a low scoring tournament so fortunate to get off to a decent start, a good start," Compton said. "It's a lot of golf, so you know you have to reach a number."

The strong storm downed at least one tree and toppled tables. Play resumed at 5:57 p.m. and was suspended for the day at 7:32 p.m.

Play was scheduled to resume at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, and sun and a high around 90 were forecast. The players will not be repaired for the final round.

Saturday was the third consecutive day rain has either halted or suspended play. On Thursday, play was suspended for 1 hour, 18 minutes. On Friday, play was suspended

for the day at 4:30 p.m.

It took Day 13 hours to get in seven holes Saturday.

"It's just a lot of patience you had to have today," Day said. "I know that it's very easy to get frustrated and start getting angry at the things that have gone on, especially with the weather. But with everyone that's getting frustrated I know I can't. Just got to stay centered and keep pushing."

The Australian, the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 6, will open his title defense in the World Golf Championships-Cadillac Match Play next week in San Francisco.

Barber finished 11 holes, Hearn seven, Rose six and Kelly five.

Dustin Johnson, ranked No. 7 in the world, was 7 under. Boo Weekley, the first-round leader after a 64, was 9 under - 1 over through five holes in the third round.



LBT Appraisal gains share of lead

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LBT Appraisal posted another lopsided win, crushing Graphics/Star 6 BBQ, 90-62, in the lone Masters game in the 2015 United Filipino Organization Basketball League last Saturday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The easy victory was third in a row for LBT Appraisal as it topped Armatech, 80-64, in its debut early this month and then walloped the Old'Aces last week, 103-76. The win also put LBT Appraisal in the lead alongside idle Blue Haus, while Graphics/Star 6 BBQ is at the bottom of the six-team field with its 0-4 record.

LBT Appraisal dominated Graphics/Star 6 BBQ right from the get-go, registering a 20-9 advantage after the first period. It padded its lead in the last three quarters by torching Graphics/Star 6 BBQ with a variety of baskets, which came from multiple players.

Alex Ocampo took over for LBT Appraisal in the first half, dropping 6 straight points, while five of his teammates also made it to the board in the opening 10 minutes of play.

Graphics/Star 6 BBQ was held to four field goals in the first period and though it picked up its scoring a bit in the second, still it was no match to LBT Appraisal's firepower. Ed Pangelinan started the second canto with a triple, while Rod-



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LBT Appraisal's Buboy Sampang pulls up for a jumper against Graphics/Star 6 BBQ's Orly Ebuén during the fourth quarter of their Masters division game in the UFO caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

ney Catalla ended it with his own version of a trey, and their teammates provided the needed points in between to stretch LBT Appraisal's lead to 19 at the break, 42-23.

At the resumption of the match, Graphics/Star 6 BBQ finally countered every basket LBT Appraisal canned, but it was not enough to give the former momentum for a fourth-quarter fight-back.

In the fourth period, Pangelinan regained his shooting touch and knocked in three triples, as LBT Appraisal finished off the hapless Graphics/Star 6 BBQ, which had trouble deciding who to focus its defense as its foes have multiple offensive options.

Four players scored in double

figures for LBT Appraisal with Tabora and Pangelinan tallying 17 each and Randy Mungcal and Ed Cosino adding 12 apiece. Four other LBT Appraisal players combined for 24 more markers.

Sonny Ebuén paced Graphics/Star 6 BBQ with his 18 points, while Dick Tibayan chipped in 11, but most of them came when the game was already decided.

LBT 90 — Tabora 17, Pangelinan 17, Mungcal 12, Cosino 12, Ocampo 8, Vargas 6, Catalla 5, Sampang 5, Alipio 2, Tiples 2,

Graphics/Star 6 62 — S. Ebuén 18, Tibayan 11, Abadilla 9, Pablo 4, Garcia 4, Farinas 4, O. Ebuén 3, De Jesus 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-9, 42-23, 62-42, 90-62.

From the Mt. Tapochao road, the 50K runners then head down back going to Beach Road and turn around at the spotlight before Chalan Kanoa and back to finish line at AMP.

More than 520 runners from Japan, China, Hong Kong, Guam, USA, Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines, and the CNMI participated that were spread out in the four distances.

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first half, as Isaiah's guards tried to take over, but had little success.

Marlo Ibanez and Walter Brillo, who scored in twin digits in the second half, attempted to mount an Isaiah comeback, but failed to draw enough support from their teammates. Only one of the five other scorers for Isaiah in the second half made more than one field goal, while Fatialofa's presence was hardly felt in the final frame, as he was held scoreless in that half.

While Isaiah missed the contributions of its key players, Cabanas and Borromeo contin-

ued to deliver for Caleb in the second half, as they combined for 20 more points. The rest of Cabanas and Borromeo's teammates also did their share in protecting Caleb's lead en route to the squad's final appearance in the league that returned to action after a six-year absence.

Caleb was scheduled to face the defending champion and unbeaten Daniel in the winner-take-all finale last night and results of the title match were unavailable at press time.

Daniel was back in the finals as it also played a solid game in the first half, too to oust Gideon.



The Natibu Sports Association Braves made short work of the Jets, 22-2, to clinch the pennant in the Majors division of the Saipan Little League last Saturday at the Miguel Basa Pangelinan ballfield.

Steven Keleleman pitched a one-hitter with seven strikeouts and the Braves used a 17-run first inning to secure their 11th win in 12 games and the top ranking heading into the playoffs round.

He went 2-for-3 with two runs while Vicente Camacho II had a pair of RBI singles to drive in three runs and scored four for the Braves, who capitalized on the Jets' 14 errors.

Antonio Norita had a double and three runs going 3-for-3, while Anthony Dison rounded

Braves cop Majors division pennant

the bases four times.

Elijah Hayfield and Charles McDonald, who both walked, scored the Jets' two runs in the first and fourth innings, respectively.

Falcons 6, Comets 2

Kyle Kapileo and Zach Reyes combined for three hits 10 strikeouts and four walks for the Falcons.

Michael Tomokane, with one out in the bottom of the second, walked and stole second base. He moved into scoring position on an Isiah Tegita single and touched home plate on Aven Evangelista's RBI single.

Kapileo struck out and Reyes had a two-RBI single to make it

5-1 for the Falcons.

Kagboys 15, Little Padres 1

J.P. Celi had a two-RBI triple while Tommy Agulto scored three runs and the Kagboys had a pair of six-run innings for the easy win.

Celis went 2-for-3 and scored three runs while Agulto also had a triple in the third inning.

Justin Agulto and A.J. Sanchez held the Padres to three hits, while striking out 10 and walking three.

Tarrance Babauta blasted an inside-the-park home run, a solo shot in the bottom of the fourth for the Padres, who committed 15 errors. *(Jon Perez)*

Saralu, Cepeda lead SBL awardees



GSM Brewers slugger Nokki Saralu and ace hurler Vince Cepeda led the list

of individual awardees of the 2015 Saipan Baseball League, which ended its season last Wednesday at the Francisco M. Palacios ballfield.

The Brewers, behind lefty Lancaster Secharmidal's steady pitching, scored a 10-1 decision over the Falcons in last week's Game 5 of the championship series to complete their three-peat title bid.

Secharmidal's superb seven-inning, six in shutout fashion, performance on the mound held the Falcons to four hits, while also fanning nine and walking two that earned for him the finals most valuable player award.

Saralu earned the batting title going 20-for-37 with a .541 average or a .089 lead over clos-

est pursuers Davie Matagolai of the Jets and Brewers teammate Jesse Brel, who both registered .452 for joint second place.

Saralu, who was named the regular season MVP, also topped the doubles department with six, just one ahead of the Saipan Stevedore Yankees' Brian Camacho and two of the IP&E Fielders' Cedric Ada.

Cepeda, on the other hand, was the regular starter on the mound for the Brewers where he helped the Mark Flores-managed squad to the pennant with an 8-2 record.

Cepeda was the ERA champion (1.05) and strikeout leader with 56 beating the Falcons' Peter Lieto's 55. His season-long brilliance also earned for him the league's Pitcher of the Year honors.

The Falcons' A.J. Lizama was the league's home run champion and also clinched

the Gold Glove award for infielders, while teammate Henry Iguel Jr. was named the Catcher of the Year.

Manager Doru Camacho was the league's best manager after leading the Falcons, composed mostly of former Saipan Little League standouts, to a finals stint following a sweep of the No. 2 Yankees in the playoffs.

The Fielders' Verlance Secharmidal, who last Tuesday helped the IT&E Fielders clinch the Big League division crown, bagged the most triples award and was also named the Rookie of the Year, while the Brewers' Flores clinched the Coach of the Year trophy.

Yankees teammates Gary Cruz and Jerome Delos Santos had the most RBIs and runs scored with 21 and 17, respectively, while the North Starz' Ricardo Dela Cruz was the Gold Glove awardee for outfielders. *(Jon Perez)*

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shihiro Narui clinched the 40-49 crown with 4:42:16.

Amane Waseda (4:29:08) and Makoto Ito (4:47:47) were the best male runners in the 50-55 and over-60 age group.

Fumi Okagawa (5:57:05) and Junko Ishii (7:18:04) bagged the women's 30-35 and 50-55 age division honors.

The 50K course started at AMP where runners head toward Banzai Cliff and back to Sadog Tasi road. From Sadog Tasi road they will go up to Capital Hill and turn around near the road going to Mt. Tapochao.

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more long jumpers. Cabanas added 9 and most of them came off drives. Joseph Gatdula, Arvin Bacani, Rodel Morales, and Edison Castro chipped in 4 apiece to back up Cabanas and Borromeo in the first 20 minutes of play.

Isaiah, in the other hand, leaned on Fred Fatialofa's inside game to stay in the match before the late meltdown in the second half. Fatialofa had 8 early points, but had limited touches past the halfway mark of the

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Dominique Ong. Completing the initial list of players in the main draw are India's Akanksha Bhan, Korea's Eun Se Jang, Hong Kong's Venua Yeung and Sabrina Mary Woll, Singapore's Y-Kit Nicole Tan and Ashley Kei Yim, Ukraine's Maria Natalia, and Australia's Lisa Mays.

Acceptance list for the main draw wrapped up last April 21 and the 10 remaining slots will be contested by 26 other players in a qualifying tournament. The CNMI's Mikayla Lopez, Negahr Rastguir,

Isabel Heras, Julia Ishikawa, Ami Tsukagoshi, Malika Miyawaki, Carol Lee, Tania Tan, and Mimi Sakano are among the players vying for the main draw berths.

Rounding the list are China's Le Zhao, Hong Kong's Wing Lam, Yuen Tung Liu, Hei Ching Ng, and Kwan Wu Man, Palau's Ayana Rengil, Japan's Nagomi Higashitani, Yuki Naito, Ayu Sugiyama, Rina Motegi, Funa Kozaki, and Yuna Fukumuro, India's Priyana Kalita, Singapore's Maxine Ng, Australia's Mia Katharina Savio, and the United States' Isis Gill.

Nineteen other players are

registered as alternates and could gain entry to the qualifying draw if there will withdrawals. Players in the qualifying tournament could also make it outright to the main draw in case of withdrawals.

The CNMI will be hosting the Junior ITF event for the third time and would like to thank the following for making the competition possible: title sponsor IT&E, Marianas Visitors Authority, Coca-Cola, Hertz Rent A Car, and Oceania Tennis Federation. Next month's games will be played at the Pacific Islands Club and Kanoa Resort tennis courts.

Isaiah 65 — Ibanez 22, Brillo 12, Fatialofa 8, Deleon 7, Estanislao 6, Dalusung 4, Arroyo 2, Cortez 2, Puno 2.

Scoring by halves: 39-25, 71-65.

Second Game

Daniel 68 — Palino 17, Hernaez 16, Nunez 10, Robles 8, Del Rio 7, Joson 4, Pablo 4, Del Carmen 4.

Gideon 56 — Demapan 17, Omampo 8, Borja 7, Santos 6, Sablan 6, David 5, Reyes 4, Bunniag 3.

Scoring by halves: 35-25, 68-56.

still leaned heavily on Demapan and the gamble backfired as it kissed its finals bid goodbye.

Palino led three double-figure scorers for Daniel, as he finished with 17. Hernaez logged 16, while Alain Nunez had 10, 9 of them came in the second half. As expected, Demapan was the lone player on Gideon's side to break into twin digits with his 17 markers.

First Game

Caleb 71 — Cabanas 21, Borromeo 13, Morales 8, Gatdula 8, Huddleston 7, Bacani 4, Castro 2, Gozon 2,

The defending champion built a 10-point lead after the opening half, 35-25, and foiled Gideon's repeated comeback bids to set up a finals date with Caleb.

Jo Hernaez, Daniel's consistent leading scorer, gave his team a good start, knocking 12 points, while quarterback Andrew Palino contributed 10. Bradley Demapan paced Gideon in the first half, but he was the only player on his team to hit more than two baskets in that half with his 6 points.

In the second half, Daniel spread the wealth to keep its safe distance against Gideon, which

Sun Palace Singles and Doubles Competition 2015 Awards Banquet

PHOTOS BY JON PEREZ



All division winners in the Sun Palace Singles and Doubles Competition 2015 Awards Banquet pose for a group photo during awards ceremony held last April 21 at Kanoa Resort's Nami Bar.



Women's doubles B champion Marylyn Montano, left, and Sun Palace general manager Shirley Kim. Not in photo is Montano's partner Lucelle Lampera.



Loyda Ito, center, is all smiles after receiving her cash prize following her victory in the women's singles B division.



Women's singles C runner-up Irish Pagarao, center.



Men's doubles C champion pair of Daniel Kim, third left, and Mikiya Takahashi.



Vilma Reyes, third left, and partner Baby Banadera receive their medals after winning the women's doubles C division.



Men's doubles A second placers Jongmin Lee, third left, and Yongson Yu.



Men's doubles C runners-up Nathan Guerrero, third left, and Hajin Oh with Northern Marianas Badminton Association secretary general Merlie Tolentino, from left, tournament director Andreau Galvez, and Sun Palace GM Shirley Kim.



Zeke Macario, third left, jokes around after receiving the bronze medal with partner Andreau Galvez, second left, in the men's doubles A division.



Patricia Abantao receives the women's C doubles bronze medal in behalf of partner Mykki Caracut.



Men's doubles A champions Deether Edralin, third left, and Jordan Pangilinan.



Men's singles C bronze medalist Owen Ou, third left.



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Japanese runners dominate 50K

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Visiting Japanese runners dominated the 50-kilometer Kanpei Course of last Saturday's 2015 Saipan Festival of Runs 10th Annual Marathon, 34th Half Marathon, and 29th 10K that started and ended at the American Memorial Park near Micro Beach.

Yasutaka Monde and Yumiko Kobayashi were the fastest male and female runners that navigated the lung-busting 50K course that went around the usual route of similar events on the island.

Monde, the youngest participant at age 23, led the Top 6 finishers in the men's division as his blistering pace had him completing the entire course in 3:23:01 for a full five-minute lead over closest pursuer Hikaru Ideguchi (3:28:17).

Four more Japanese crossed the finish line in under four hours with 40-year-old Tomohiro Mizukoshi finishing third with a time of 3:50:18, while



Yoshiharu Sugimoto, 39, came in three minutes after in an official clocking of 3:53:53.

Kazushi Kobayashi, 45, and 25-year-old Tatsuya Shibano rounded up the Top 6 with times of 3:56:39 and 3:59:37, respectively.

Kobayashi, on the other hand, topped the women's division with a time of 5:16:34 followed by compatriots Kaori Marushima (5:37:29) and Matai Yuko (5:49:14), who settled for the silver and bronze medals, respectively.

Etsuko Oshiro, one of two 61-year-olds that participated in the 50K event, came in at fourth and was more than a minute behind third placer Yuko with a



Men's 50-kilometer champion Yasutaka Monde, center, is interviewed by two Japanese celebrity hosts in the awards ceremony of the 2015 Saipan Festival of Runs. Yumiko Kobayashi, inset, heads toward the final kilometers along Beach Road.

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time of 5:50:41.

Tumiko Mizuno (6:12:06) and Mihoko Oguro (6:25:05) completed the Top 6 finishers in the women's division.

Filipino Charlie Sendin and Barbara Tayama of the United

States broke the Japanese monopoly when they topped their respective age divisions.

The 32-year-old Sendin logged in a time of under five hours, 4:58:38, to clinch the men's 30-35 age group, while

Tayama was the 40-45 division winner with a time of 6:25:23.

It was another all Japanese show in the other age divisions with Masato Ueda the fastest in the 20-25 (5:20:45) while, Yo-



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Caleb vs Daniel in Genesis Cup finale

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No finals rematch.

Caleb denied Isaiah a return trip to the finals after bagging a 71-65 win in their semis duel in the 4th Genesis Cup Christian Churches Inter-Color Basketball League last Friday

at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, while Daniel earned a chance to defend its championship following a 68-56 victory against Gideon in the other Final Four pairing.

Caleb secured the finals berth in the revival of



the league and eliminated Isaiah, which lost to Daniel in the 2008 championship match, 76-92, after gaining cushion in the closing minutes of the first half.

Michael Cabanas and Nathan Borromeo took turns in drilling multiple baskets that helped Caleb turn a shaky 25-21 lead to a double-digit spread at the break, 39-25. Caleb had a 14-4 windup in the last five minutes and change of the first half, which ended with Borromeo breaking into double figures with his 10 points off two triples and two

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Isaiah's Walter Brillo is double-teamed by Caleb's Rodel Morales, right, and Nathan Huddleston, second left, during the first half of their semis game in the 4th Genesis Cup last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



Ackerman makes main draw; 9 others in q'fying tourney

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The CNMI's Tammy Ackerman is in the main draw of the girls' singles event in the 2015 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships, while nine other Commonwealth bets will be playing in the qualifying tournament of next month's Junior ITF event on Saipan.

The world No. 1,021-ranked Ackerman is among the 22 players who made the 32-player girls' singles draw of the tournament that will run from May 19 to 24. She will be joined by Japan's Ayumi Miyamoto, who is the highest ranked player in the tournament at No. 201, and defending champion and No. 803 Yurie Takanishi. Takanishi

defeated Nanaka Takeuchi in a three-set finale last year, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Five other Japanese are entered in the main draw and the list includes No. 523 Ayumi Hirata, No. 575 Ayano Shimizu, No. 768 Runa Ichonese, No. 1,369 Rina Saigo,

and the No. 806 Takeuchi.

Meanwhile, the Philippines' Maia Balce, who is the second-highest ranked player in the field at No. 374, will compete against a bunch of Japanese and fellow Philippines bet Maria

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The CNMI's Tammy Ackerman gets ready to serve during her and Ayana Rengil's doubles game against Tinglak Jittakoat and Gorbua Srisirisupayok in last year's IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.